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# **Fire Prevention Week Observance** at New High

#### More Cities Take Part, **Activities on Many** Fronts at Record Level

Observance of Fire Prevention Week this year apparently is the most successful in history with more communities taking part than ever before. New records have been set in the amount of literature produced by the National Board, National Fire Protection Assn. and other agencies, and the supply has been exhausted.

Many cities are conducting intensive campaigns and the fire prevention men agree that communities are doing a bet-

ter and more thorough job. Fire Prevention Week established new records for activity on the basis of materials supplied over the country by the National Board. Approximately 30% more prevention week proximately 30% more prevention week supplies were distributed than in 1948 and there was an especially large demand for material on which to base talks. In addition there was a big increase over last year in radio use of prevention matter and of course in the telecasting of such material.

#### Field Men Increase Activities

A noticeable stepping up in activity n all fire prevention fields has taken Fire departments, chambers of commerce, business luncheon clubs and the insurance agents and companies are taking part to produce results. The need for action is brought home clearly this year because the hospital disaster at Effingham, Ill., and the Noronic steamship tragedy are still fresh in the public mind.

Community interest in this activity also has been stepped up by the President's fire prevention conference, followed by the governors' conferences in

There has been more and better work done in the past months by the field men in their fire prevention associations. Town inspections have been inaugurated in Texas and in the east and these have

had their effect The cumulative effect of fire pre vention work over the past several years is beginning to make the annual observance of Fire Prevention Week a observance of Fire Prevention Week a successful endeavor. Contests sponsored by the National Fire Waste Council indicate that cities taking prizes show a lower loss per capita than the national average. This would indicate that there can be some results attributed to the work being done.

#### McCain Notes Loss Decline

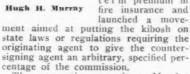
Fire prevention campaigns have helped to bring about a reduction in American fire losses, W. Ross McCain, president of Aetna Fire and the National Board, said in a statement in connection with said in a statement in connection with Fire Prevention Week. Mr. McCain pointed out that seven of the eight first months of 1949 showed losses lower than the same months in 1948. The year as a whole showed a 7.9% decline, and Mr. McCain remarked that this is not specially that the proposed accompanion of the proposed accidental but represents real accomplishment by many individuals and (CONTINUED ON PAGE 23)

# **Mutual Agents** Take Firm Stand

#### Oppose Countersignature Fee Laws and Term Premium Commutation

Resolutions taking an uncompromis-

ing position on two capital problems of the hour were adopted by National Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents at an afternoon session running until sion running until 7 p. m. Tuesday during the annual convention at Chi-cago. The organization came out strongly against any plan involving commutation of the term premium in fire insurance and



The convention ran from Monday through Wednesday and, including wives, totaled nearly 600, of whom 350-400 were agents. At the overtime busi-

#### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

President-Corey G. Hunter, Moravia,

President—Corey G. Hunter, Moravia, N. Y.
Vice-presidents—Henry D. Bean, Haddonfield, N. J.; H. L. Fenno, Philadelphia; Gene S. Wilson, Minneapolis; Claude P. Coates, Fort Worth, and R. E. Hill, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Secretary—W. M. Ritter, Fayettville, Ark. Treasurer—John H. Kroll, Washington, D. C.

ness session Tuesday afternoon no holds were barred and the organization came up with a forthright answer to every

problem with which it was confronted. Hugh H. Murray of Raleigh, the outgoing president, is a dynamic man and he caused the association to face every issue of the day head on. For him there is no compromise.

#### Countersignature Principle

The resolution on countersignature enunciated the principle that fees and commissions for countersignature should be keyed to actual services rendered and the agents should be permitted the privilege of negotiation in fees and commis-sions. The present laws in some states, according to the memorial, may conflict with the public interest and with the commerce act of the constitution. Philip Baldwin, the executive secretary, was instructed to counsel with state and regional associations and any other interested parties on the question of modification of the laws and regulations and to report at the next meeting, which will be the mid-year gathering at Vir-ginia Beach in May.

On the matter of installment pay-

ment of the term premium the resolu-tion favored prohibition of the plan in states in which it has not been intro-duced and the rescinding of it in states

where it has been approved.

Corey Hunter of Moravia, the new president, looks like a president—very distinguished—and acts like one—very democratic. He operates the agency that was started by his father-in-law in 1894. He went into the office 18 years ago,

# La. Withdraws Approval of Installment Plans

The fire insurance division of the Louisiana insurance rating commission has withdrawn its approval of all instalment premium payment plans and annual renewal endorsement plans hereannual renewal endorsement plans here-toiore approved for use in Louisiana, according to an announcement by Wil-liam H. Kirchem, chairman. The ruling is effective October 15. The decision of the commission follows an open hearing held early in September at which numerous agents from various parts of the state vigorously opposed use of the North America plan as well as the annual renewal endorsement plan which was filed by a number of companies. companies.

At the same time the commission announced that rate reductions on certain classes had been approved, the details of which have not yet been released.

before that having been in the lumber and construction business at Schenecand construction business at Scheller tady. He has been a mainstay of New York State Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents for 15 years. He is presently its treasurer. His son, Wallace Hunter, is in the head office bond department of Hartford Accident.

The biggest extra curricular event of the week was the traditional breakfast of Central Manufacturers Mutual Tuesday attended by about 200 and over which Vice-president H. A. Kern pre-sided. The speaker was Superintendent of Schools MacFarland of Wichita and he made a great hit.

Tuesday evening, right on top of the late session, about 50 gathered for a dinner of presidents and secretaries of state associations over which Benjamin Sager of Cleveland, past president, pre-

#### The President's Talk

Mr. Murray in his address called for each of the state associations to work in the public interest. If they do not, he said, these associations will cease to

In keeping with the theme of the conthe keeping with the theme of the convention, which was "in the public interest," Mr. Murray pointed out how throughout the year this was made the objective of the national association. He declared that the multitudinous governmental controls against the ways in mental controls exist today because in many instances private enterprise has failed, leaving the government but one alternative.

The present inclination of companies broaden coverages will eliminate, Mr. Murray believes, the necessity for gov-ernmental intervention in the insurance ernmental intervention in the insurance business. As long as the insurance companies continue to make available what the people need and want, and the agent satisfactorily performs his functions, Mr. Murray predicts that insurance will remain a free enterprise continually serving the needs of the public. The prime objective of the association for the year, Mr. Murray said, was to study the feasibility of an all-risk physical damage policy. He said that letters were sent to numerous companies and 49 insurance commissioners. Seventeen commissioners reported that they thought highly sioners reported that they thought highly of the plan and would welcome its introduction. Similar answers were received by companies which feel that there is an urgent need for such coverage.

The Transportation Rating Bureau in Chicago has been studying the plan and will soon promulgate a rate. "It is ex-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 16)

Tex. Mandatory **Deductible on Wind** Held Illegal

#### Judge at Austin Finds Legislative Authority Is Necessary

AUSTIN, TEX .- The mandatory \$100 deductible on windstorm and hail coverage in Texas was ruled illegal Tuesday by District Judge Roberts in Travis county court.

The court ruled that the Texas board was without authority to order the deductible when it went into effect in 1946. The suit was brought by Jess Carter to vacate the 1946 board order. The board had argued that under the statutes governing the issuance of uni-form policies it had the authority. The court rules that the legislature must give specific authority and that it had not done this.

Opinions differ widely as to immediate effect of the district court ruling that the board of insurance commissioners does not have authority to make the deductible mandatory. Precedent has been set in Texas indicating that the board will take no action until the case has reached the supreme court. In at least one previous case in which the board was ruled against in the lower courts no new rates were made nor endorsements changed during the appeals to higher courts and the supreme court finally upheld the board's authority. The board is the only authority recognized by the insurance fraternity and new rates will have to be promulgated before the deductible becomes optional. does not have authority to make the de-

The Texas board of insurance commissioners announces reductions in hail and windstorm rates that are calculated to produce a decline in premiums of \$2 million. The lower rates, averaging 12.07%, apply in all counties except the two tiers closest to the Gulf of Mexico. There was no rate change in the latter counties. The reductions apply to dwellings, farm and ranch buildings, all classes of brick and masonry structures, and mill construction.

Fire Insurance Commissioner Paul The Texas board of insurance com-

Fire Insurance Commissioner Paul Brown said that the reduction became

possible because of improved experience that was traceable to the use of the mandatory \$100 deductible clause.

At the same time there were fire insurance rate changes with decreases estimated to represent \$1,641,320 and increases \$540,287. The principal reduc-tion was a 16.75% cut in rates on frame dwellings outside city limits.

#### Bielaski at I. M. Claim Session

Bruce Bielaski, National Board, discussed the reporting of inland marine losses to the National Board and the payment of rewards at the dinner meeting of the Inland Marine Claims Assn.

at New York City.
E. J. Erbacher, independent adjuster, and Frank B. Mortimer, independent adjuster, were elected to membership.

Thomas E. Wood, Cincinnati local agent and booster of the Xavier University football team there, sponsored the broadcast of the Xavier-Miami University game played at Oxford, O., last

# Mass. Agents Take Stand Against Installment Plan

#### **Auto Dealer Insurance Activities Subject of** Much Discussion

Massachusetts Assn. of Insurance Agents wound up its annual meeting at Boston last week with a resolution opposing installment term fire insurance premiums. Another resolution called for opposition on the part of organized agents to all government insurance programs, including socialized medicine, and asked the insurance business to lend every effort toward selling private insurance instead. H. D. Barnes, Pittsfield, past president and past state na-

tional director, was chairman of the resolutions committee.
Graham Smith, Brockton, the new president, and the other officers were formally installed at a luncheon which concluded activities and at which C. P. Butler, New York, executive vice-president National Assn. of Insurance Agents, was the featured speaker. Retiring President A. B. Fair, Natick, Agents, was the leatured speaker. Retiring President A. B. Fair, Natick, was given a vote of appreciation. D. J. Lowd, Northampton, state national director and newly elected member of N.A.I.A. executive committee, reported to the Chicago meeting and used the on the Chicago meeting and urged the support of members for the eastern regional N.A.I.A, meeting in Boston next

#### Auto Dealer Activities

At the annual open discussion of agents' problems, at which C. K. Steele, Gloucester, past president, was chairman, the matter of automobile dealers selling insurance was prominent. It was brought out that Commissioner Harrington has asked complaining agents to bring him specific facts and figures about any particular case and promised action under such circumstances, but all those complaining reported that it is most difficult to get ported that it is most difficult to get a customer of an automobile dealer to provide this information. An unofficial resolution was submitted by the executive committee asking for investigation of the Connecticut law that no seller of merchandise to the public may re-ceive commission on insurance, with a view toward possible support of such legislation in Massachusetts.

There was also considerable complaint after the session against the recent increase in the minimum premium for reporting forms in New England from reporting forms in New England from \$100 to \$200. The complaint voiced by a number of agents was that an insurance producer who has gone to real trouble to sell an insured on the advantages of reporting coverage is now faced, in case of a small risk, with the problem of reselling the whole thing for twice the minimum premium. It was the sentiment of almost everyone that the sentiment of almost everyone that the insurance companies had fallen down badly in not discussing down badly in not discussing such mat-ters with the agents before acting.

#### Auto Registrar Speaks

R. F. King, Massachusetts registrar of motor vehicles, spoke on the current automobile situation and was kept occupied for a long time answering ques-tions. He said that later statistics show that teen age drivers are no worse on accident records than those in the other brackets under 30 years old. He described the work which the commonwealth has done in highway safety and driver education activities and reported Massachusetts either has or will

# Many Drawing Cards for Ill. Agents 50th Parley

An exceptionally large attendance is expected for the 50th annual meeting of Illinois Assn. of Insurance Agents at Peoria, Oct. 24-25. A program to do justice to this significant anniversary is in extreme.

Superintendent Robert E. Dineen of New York will be a big drawing card. He is scheduled to address the luncheon

The banquet will be featured by outstanding floor show. There will be no speeches. Millers National is sponsoring this entertainment. The show is being produced by Doris Hurtig & Associates of Chicago.

Especial emphasis is given the appearance of Richard E. Chislett, director of the insurance and social security department of Standard Oil of New Jersey. He is exceptionally well informed in temporary disability benefits legislation and it is certain that this will be an important question in the legislation and it is certain that this will be an important question in the 1951 legislature. The Illinois agents will have an opportunity here to get a very complete background picture to aid them in relating the problem to the Illinois situation.

Other speakers with definite messages of current interest are scheduled. directors are holding a pre-cosession the evening of Oct. 23 pre-convention

The complete program is given here-

Monday Morning, Oct. 10

Invocation — Rev. Edward C. Gates, First Presbyterian Church, Peoria, Welcoming address—Joseph O. Malone, mayor of Peoria. Response—Russell L. Sprouse, Spring-field, chairman of Illinois Assn of Insur-

ance agents.

Report of Administration—Lyman M.
Drake, Jr., Chicago, president, committee
report and appointment of committees.

Loss Prevention and the Trucking Industry—T. L. Lynch, mid-western representative Babaco Alarm System.

#### Monday Afternoon

Packaged Personal Protection, Corlett Wilson, Wilson & Wilson, Rockford, T. Wilson, T. Wilson, III.
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Tuesday, Oct. 11

Found Money, premiered at National association meeting at Chicago.
State Disability Funds, Richard E. Chislett II, director of insurance and social security department Standard Oli Co. of New Jersey.
Mutual Competition—A Myth?, W. F. Kuffel, Kuffel-Eggert Co., Chicago.
Luncheon—Installation of officers. Address Robert E. Dineen, superintendent of insurance of New York.

#### Agency 50 Years Old

The C. G. Blakely & Co. agency, Topeka, is celebrating its 50th anniversary. The agency was founded by C. G. Blakely, Sr., in 1899. C. G. Blakely, III, is now an active member of the agency.

Arne J. Ulvila, coast insurance manager at Los Angeles of London Assurance, reviewed the new California fire insurance policy before the Insurance Women's Assn. of Long Beach.

receive three different national awards for this work. He also pointed out that public scrutiny of the cost of automo-bile insurance must be expected permabile insurance must be expected permanently, since this is an important item to commercial operators and a slight change in insurance charges can be the difference between operating at a profit and at a loss. He also discussed some of the current problems in both automobile construction and habits of drivers and expreseed the fond hope that the builders of automobiles would spend builders of automobiles would spend less time and money on attractive gadgets and more on devices and construc-tions which would increase the safety of automobiles.

# Formal Education Speeds Up Adjuster Training

The educational program of General Adjustment Bureau's eastern department is operating on a full-time basis and during the coming year there will be courses covering fire, automobile, casualty, business interruption and in-land marine. Under general supervision of W. C. Moore, director of education and research, the courses of instruction have been expanded and as they have proved their effectiveness, the educa-tional program has come to be regarded

as a long-range one.

Heretofore, most men learned the adjusting business by actual experience, which meant that a long period of time was required to supply the novice with the theoretical, technical and practical the theoretical, technical and practical experience so necessary for the proper adjustment of losses. As an apprentice, a young man would accompany experienced men during the course of their daily work and his theoretical knowledge would be acquired by reading assignments on adjusting topics. At best, this system was haphazard, since progress of the apprentice depended upon the of the apprentice depended upon the ability and interest of the adjuster with whom he was associated.

#### Experience Still Is Vital

It still is necessary to learn adjusting by adjusting losses, so far as practical experience is concerned. However, an organized educational system imparts basic information much more quickly than any apprentice method. The experience of G.A.B. has shown that the time required for the acquisition of the theory of adjustment and knowledge of the insurance forms, under which the adjuster will adjust losses, has been greatly reduced by classroom instruction.

A student in the automobile school, for example, attends class seven hours a day for 20 days and also has outside assignments. Thus, in the period of a month he receives 140 hours of instruction in addition to outside study. Under the apprentice system the neo-phyte would not have the advantage of a planned curriculum nor the benefit of course of instruction from adjusters fully qualified to instruct their subjects.

Another advantage to the school approach is greater uniformity in procedure. The new men receive the benefit of a single method of instruction and those who have been trained in this way

respond both with greater uniformin and promptness to new ideas or change in procedure. Any other method of training could not be uniform since the student's knowledge would be based or the individual procedures of the m charged with his instruction.

#### Get Indoctrinated First

General Adjustment Bureau has foun it highly satisfactory to assign new me to branch offices for a period of indo trination before attendance at the school During this period the trainee become ecquainted with the terminology of the business and with basic branch office procedure. Thus, when he does attended the school, he is not a stranger to the business. This has a tendency to specup his formal education.

Schools in the fire adjustment business still are rare. G.A.B.'s program meets the three general requirements of a school: Separate quarters (Hoboken); a managerial staff responsible for the school and devoting ful time to it; and a planned curriculum. Classes consist of 15 to 20 men. In addition to basic courses, refresher courses are given for many of the men in the field to bring them up to date on current procedure.

#### Get Practice as Well as Preaching

The automobile schools run from four to five weeks and are designed for the newer men in the organization who will devote their full time to the adjustment of automobile claims. The course of instruction includes not only theory but practical metallurgy and study of auto-motive vehicles with special stress being given to the types of damage resulting from collision and the correct method of estimating the loss. In addition to classroom instruction, the students make visits to automobile repair shops to learn the methods of repair. There are also shorter refresher courses for seasoned

The fire course deals with the standard fire policy, the dwelling and household furniture form, mercantile and manufacturing forms, contribution clauses, farm form, warranties and clauses, moral hazard losses, extended coverage, windstorm, non-concurrent apportionments, unearned premium insur-ance, sprinkler leakage, water damage, explosion and steam boiler, compre-

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# New Officers of National C.P.C.U.



Elected at the annual meeting of National Society of Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriters at Dallas were F. Harmon Chegwidden, treasurer of Camden Fire, president; Hal A. Gulledge, Dallas local agent, vice-president, and Robert McWilliams, Los Angeles attorney, director, shown above left to right. They will take office Jan. 1.

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# **Uniform Filing** Plan Pursued by Zone 4 Officials

#### Four Meetings Annually for Rating Men Wanted-Big Milwaukee Meeting

MILWAUKEE-A uniform plan of submitting filings on fire and casualty policy forms and rates under state regulatory laws was discussed and will be recommended to National Assn. of

Insurance Commis sioners by Zone 4, according to A. W. Harris, Minnesota, chairman of the zone, following a three-day session here and at Madihere and at Madi-son. All of the eight states were represented by their commissioners, deputies, chief examiners, actuaries and rate men. The first two days were devoted to discussions



of various technical problems of insurance departments. The Zone 4 rating group, of which Hugh Tollock of Minnesota is chairman, favored four meetings a year for the rating section.

Instructional conferences in each state on changes to bring about uniform ac-counting methods for fire and casualty companies were recommended to the

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# 90 MPH Winds in Minn., Wis. Cause Widespread Loss

Winds reaching a velocity of 90 miles an hour which swept through Minnesota and Wisconsin on Monday caused damage over a wide area in those two states. There were many losses in St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Rochester and Mankato, Minn., while Eau Claire and La Crosse, Wis., were badly hit.

No estimate can be made as to the number of losses, but adjusters at Min-

number of losses, but adjusters at Min-neapolis expect that the average loss in that city will be \$100. There were a great many plate glass windows blown out and the Western Adjustment office at St. Paul suffered in that respect.

This disturbance was a high wind, not a tornado. The latter has a limited width but does considerable destruc-tion. The wind on Monday covered a much broader territory and the losses from it are well spread out.

#### Freak Weather Occurrence

Western Adjustment is sending extra men into the area to help out the regu-

The storm was the result of a freak weather occurrence. The weather front in the eastern states instead of continuing to move remained static and winds from the southwest were channeled through Minnesota and Wisconsin bechanneled tween the warm front on the east and the cold front on the west.

This storm adds another to a series of unusual winds this year. The season began on Jan. 1 when a heavy wind struck Warren, Ark., and continued north through Michigan, causing wirespread damage. The latest storm, however, a began to the distort. ever, is a boon to the adjusters. They have been noticeing a considerable slackening off of business of late. There

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# Massachusetts **Brokers Reelect** H. A. Reardon

Harriman A. Reardon was reelected president of Massachusetts Assn. of Insurance Brokers at the annual meeting at Boston last week. A membership increase of more than 50%, a turnout for the annual luncheon and business meeting which nearly doubled the previous record, the smash success of the all day educational session last January and the general high level of activity and interest made Mr. Reardon's administration beyond doubt the most successful in history. His report was received with in history. His report was received with enthusiasm and he would have had no

enthusiasm and he would have had no chance to escape reelection, had he tried. M. J. Ladd, John Liner and Charles Webber, Jr., were elected vice-presidents and Fred Hitchcock is the new secretary. The new executive council consists of C. F. Bowers, S. J. Kaplan, G. W. Roche, Alfred Miner, H. L. Gove and L. H. Young.

Another announcement which was enthusiastically greeted was that John

Another announcement which was enthusiastically greeted was that John Trefry & Co., the agency at which Mr. Hitchcock makes his headquarters, is donating a private office in its quarters at 141 Milk St. for the use of the brokers' association. Mr. Trefry, who was a guest at the meeting, was given a vote of appreciation and took a bow. A certificate of appreciation was awarded Everett Litchfield for his many years of service to the association and Harry Moore, past president and also past president National Assn. of Insurance Brokers, was made an honorary life member of the executive council.

There were two formal talks on the

There were two formal talks on the program, by Dean W. G. Sutcliffe of Boston University and J. C. O'Connor, Cincinnati, editor "Fire, Casualty & Surety Bulletins" and associate editor The National Underwriter, and Dep-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 21)

# Ala. Agents Elect W. O. Thomas; Honor Gandy, Morgan

Plea for Home Rule, Legislative, Company-Agency Program

At its convention in Birmingham the Alabama Assn. of Insurance Agents adopted a declaration reaffirming its opposition to the expansion of governmental interference with free enterprise

and the growth of the bureaucratic system, and its sup-port of local self government.

The association also made plans to continue its legisla-tive program and to further strengthen its usefulness in matters pertaining to the maintenance of company-agency relations. The work of the conference



committee in nego-tiations with the rating organizations was endorsed, and the committee was kept intact as the official contact with

the S.E.U.A.

The association elected W. O. Thomas of Molton, Allen & Williams, Birmingham, president: Chris B. Heinz of Hardy Heinz, Selma, vice-president; Myron Rothschild of I. Berman Co., Mont-(CONTINUED ON PAGE 21)



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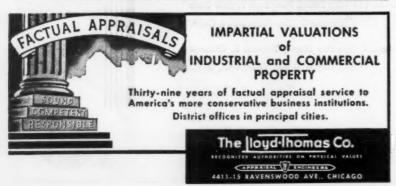
#### N. Y. "Sun" Praises Phonograph Record Report

The annual report portfolio of Kansas City Fire & Marine that was sent to stockholders, agents and others, that was in the form of a phonograph record folder and that contained a record that preserves for posterity part of the proceedings of a director's meeting, attracted the attention of New York "Sun" and that paper carried an editorial on the novelty caption "A Record for the Record." The "Sun" remarked that in this caption informality in business the life. age of informality in business, the lit-erary "beauticians" have been hard at work upon the annual reports of cor-porations. Strenuous efforts have been

made to give an alluring face to the rigid facts and figures which go into the record of a company's year. Cartoonists have adorned the pages. Co have striven to clothe the cold Copywriters have striven to clothe the cold digits in enticing words. Still another advance in the streamlining of annual reports, the "Sun" states, is the 10-inch phonograph record in an album that was sent out by Kansas City F. & M. This novelty, the editorial states, may open the way for numerous other innovations in business reports. "Dividends with music may be next."

The California insurance department has moved its San Francisco office from 417 Montgomery street to Marshall

# Square building, 1182 Market street. Highlights in insurance history PIONEER COMPANIES AFRAID TO USE AGENTS . . . Looking at today's satisfactory picture of the American agency system Looking at today's satisfactory picture of the American agency system makes it hard to believe that most of our early companies were wary makes it hard to believe that most of our early companies were wary about using agents. The difficulties of both transportation and comabout using agents. The difficulties of both transportation and com-munication made distances so great, it was feared that the agents would favor the policyholders who were their neighbors rother than the remunication made distances so great, it was feared that the agents would favor the policyholders who were their neighbors rather than the remote incurrence officials who of paceasiry remained strangers to them favor the policyholders who were their neighbors rather than the remove insurance officials who, of necessity, remained strangers to them. more insurance officials who, of necessity, remained strangers to them. Those first agents sent surveys of property direct to the presidents of the companies who personally fixed the premium rates. Prior to the Those first agents sent surveys of property direct to the presidents of the companies who personally fixed the premium rates. Prior to the the companies who personally fixed the premium rates. Prior to the establishment of agencies, customers were notified of policy expirations in liese published as add in newerogeness. establishment of agencies, customers were not tions in lists published as ads in newspapers. "Why keep a good thing down?" might well apply to the attitude long. regarding the important work of agents. NATIONAL UNION and BIRMINGHAM FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES PENNSYLVANIA PITTSBURGH



#### Cincinnati Press, Radio Stir Up Strange Claims

CINCINNATI - Agencies here renumerous calls whose homes were affected by fumes from a chemical plant when the Cin-cinnati "Post" and its radio station WCPO disseminated the information quoting insurance "authorities" that such damage was covered under extended coverage. Perhaps 200 homes were affected in an area surrounding the Car-lisle Chemical Works, Reading, O., believed to be the source of the fumes

In a strip about 50 feet wide and onehalf mile long, house paint was black-ened and peeled and silver tarnished, while people in the area complained of nausea from a "rotten egg" odor. Apparently, paint subjected to the Apparently, paint subjected to the strongest fumes peeled off entirely when directly exposed to rain during the humid, hot weather of Oct. 4. One resident reported that his garage and picket fence appeared as if they had been scorched with a blowtorch while others complained that the paint had entirely washed off of their homes.

The Carlisle firm, a subsidiary of Cincinnati Milling Machine Co., manuscripture of the control o

factures a product which is used as a cooling lubricant for the parent firm's machine tools. Sulphur chlorine is mixed with alpha pinene to form sulphur chlorinate of alpha pinene. While de-vices are used to draw off the fumes harmlessly, apparently something went wrong in the process, and on the morning in question, the chemicals were dispersed in the smog and concentrated in

since the event occurred, some of the black coating has come off as a result of rain and cleaning, but there are a number of places where the bare boards

show through. Dr. Albert Weyman, Reading health commissioner, states that a conference of city and company officials and repreof city and company officials and representatives of the Kettering Laboratory of the University of Cincinnati which has been making a study of the damage will be held Oct. 13.

A spokesman for the Carlisle firm stated that no insurance was carried to cover the damage. A comprehensive liability policy covering property damage on a covernance hearing the contraction.

age on an occurrence basis was tremi-nated earlier this year with other cas-ualty coverages when the Carlisle firm was acquired by Cincinnati Milling Machine Company

#### Shotton Again Retires: This Time from Insurance

The name of Shotton has been dropped from the agency at Amherst, O., due to the fact that Burt Shotton, manager of the Brooklyn baseball club,

manager of the Brooklyn baseball club, has given up the insurance business. The agency has been turned over to his associate, Earl C. Stiwald.

After being prominent in baseball a quarter of a century ago, Mr. Shotton became associated with the J. J. Smythe local agency at Amherst and later the agency was operated under Mr. Shotton's name, However, he was lured back into baseball and this time decided to into baseball and this time decided to retire from insurance instead of baseball. The agency represents Atlas, New York Underwriters, Northern of Eng-land, Norwich Union, Philadelphia F. & M., Fidelity & Casualty, Hartford Accident and Hoosier Casualty.

#### **Underwood Promoted at** E.U.A.; Szabo Research Man

Eastern Underwriters Assn. has appointed Kenneth R. Underwood as assistant secretary, and Albert A. Szabo

sistant secretary, and Albert A. Szabo as research supervisor.

Mr. Underwood joined E.U.A. July I, having been with New York Fire Insurance Rating Organization for the past 10 years. He is a graduate of New York University and is the son of Raymond M. Underwood, former

assistant U. S. manager of Scottis

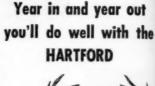
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#### Hutchinson in New Post

James W. Hutchinson, special agent at Chicago for Home, has been transferred to the home office in the foreign division of the Pacific and foreign de

Mr. Hutchinson started with Home in 1938 and was made special agent in





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The tropical storm of Oct. 3-4 that originated in the Gulf of Mexico, struck Freeport, then moved on to the Houston and Galveston areas, was dissipated in eastern Arkansas after damaging Shreveport about \$150,000. The storm was unusual in that it covered a limited territory and fortunately the 100-milean-hour wind which hit Freeport, a comparatively s mall town where it did \$300,00 damage, decreased considerably and even the gusts that struck Houston \$300,00 damage, decreased considerably and even the gusts that struck Houston were only 90 miles an hour. Houston suffered about \$600,000 loss, according to J. F. Miazza, general manager at Dallas of General Adjustment Bureau. While Galveston was shut off from the mainland temporarily, that city, Laporte and Baytown suffered a total loss of only \$125,000. Port Arthur and Beaumont had an estimated damage of \$50,-000 making a total of some 11,000 claims.

only \$120,000. For Arthur and Beaumont had an estimated damage of \$50,000, making a total of some 11,000 claims with a total loss of about \$1,225,000, according to Mr. Miazza.

The storm was preceded and followed by torrential rains which caused tremendous damage to the unharvested rice, vegetable and cotton crops in Harris county (Houston) and in Jefferson county (Beaumont).

Mr. Miazza points out that the elimination of the hurricane-rain clause in the new standard Texas policy may present problems of apportionment in such cases where property is insured under both old and new policies. This, together with the \$100 deductible clause mandatory in Texas since Sept. 1, 1946, will require extreme care in properly handling claims, Mr. Miazza observes.

#### Wholesale, Retail Delivery **Exclusion Issue Decided**

An endorsement excluding coverage when a truck is used for wholesale or retail delivery does not release an insurer for an accident occurring when the truck was being used to deliver merchandise from a point at which delivery had been made, to a store in which the had been made, to a store in which the assured was a partner and who was acting for and on behalf of the partnership in doing the hauling. The decision was given by the federal court for the western district of Missouri in Hawkeye Casualty vs. Harper, et al.

Rollin Harper of Butler, Mo., was the insured. The policy provided that the vehicle was to be used in "business and pleasure class B." Occupation of the insured was described as that of a farmer. Harper was in process of delivering merchandise from Butler to a store at Virginia, Mo., 10 miles distant. This was a quantity of feed that the partnership had purchased at Butler to be distributed at retail from the Virginia store.

tributed at retail from the Virginia store.
The purchase was made at Butler and a frm check was given for the merchan-dise. Delivery was made then to Har-per. While hauling the merchandise from Butler to Virginia the accident occurred.

The court said that when the purchase of the merchandise was made, it was made by one of the partners and delivery was immediately made. It would not follow, therefore, that the assured was engaged then in wholesale or retail delivery. Unquestionably, he would have a right to use his truck for hauling his own merchandise, after delivery had been made to him, without peril of forfeiting his insurance. At best the facts and the terms of the policy create an ambiguity and this should be resolved against the insurer, the court said. The court said that when the purchase

#### Fla. Actively Neutral

Hugh Christie, deputy commissioner of Florida, is apparently the only state insurance official to attend the conventions of both National Assn. of Insurance Agents and National Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents. Mr. Christie was at Chicago this week for the latter meeting. Commissioner Larson of Florida was anxious to get the viewpoint ida was anxious to get the viewpoint

Gulf Storm Loss Now of both stock and mutual agents on the natter of annual payment of the term premium and assigned Mr. Christie to go to Chicago for both conventions to sound the sentiment closely.

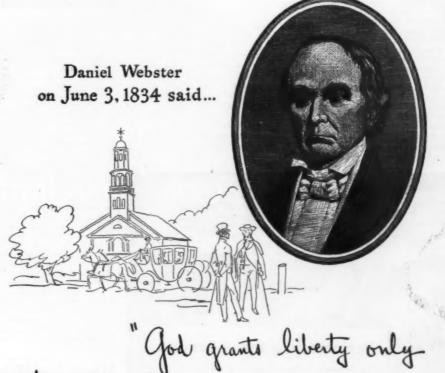
Miss Willey L. Bock, formerly with the War Department personnel division, has joined the Texas fire insurance department in fire prevention work. She will visit schools and instruct the teachers in fire drill requirements and the pupils in methods of fire prevention. This now gives the department two fire prevention workers.

# \$500,000 Loss in Newsprint Fire

The insurance loss from the fire that substantially destroyed 2,000 tons of newsprint belonging to the Miami "Herald" will amount to approximately \$500,000, according to estimates. The newsprint was approximately a 75% loss to \$600,000 insurance, and there is a 10% loss on building and equipment. The building involved was the Miami newspaper's warehouse, of fireproof construction.

The fire was described as one of the worst Miami has had. A number of firemen was overcome by smoke and fumes, and some were hospitalized. Workmen used a huge crane to swing a 1,000 pound weight against the concrete wall at the fourth floor level in order to break a hole through so that scorched and water soaked newsprint could be rolled out.

J. H. Bunten, Iowa state agent of gander of Iowa Blue Goose, has moved back to Des Moines after residing at Cedar Rapids for several years.



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#### Ark. Agents Fear Installment Plan

#### Sentiment Expressed at Regional Gathering at Jonesboro

JONESBORO, ARK.—More than 40 agents from northeast Arkansas attended the first of a series of group meetings of Arkansas Assn. of Insurance Agents for 1949 with D. Crawford, Jonesboro, Region 1 group chairman, receiling. presiding

Association President Leon Werntz, Fort Smith, led a discussion of five-year installment premium payment plans which, he pointed out, had been disapproved by resolution of the executive committee of the Arkansas association prior to the convention of the National association at Chicago recently. Senti-ment among those in attendance was opposed to installment payment plans in view of the long-range effects which these plans might have for the agency system and the business as a whole

Miles O. Moore, Jr., manager of the association, reported on the operation

of Arkansas' new qualification law, stating that three examinations had thus far been given by the insurance department and that of the 45 persons taking the examination 16 failed to make a grade of 70%. The examinations have been on a very elementary level, Mr. Moore stated, and the persons who failed obviously would have been wholly magnalified to serve the public. unqualified to serve the public.

The Arkansas manager also reported that more than 280 non-resident brokers were now licensed in Arkansas and that the insurance department is now sending questionnaires to agents and to com-panies to verify that countersigning commissions properly have been paid to Arkansas agents in accordance with the terms of Arkansas' countersignature

Walter Plangman, director of the Arkansas inspection and rating bureau, received an enthuiastic reception from the agents in his report on work being undertaken in the bureau to improve its services. He led a round table discussion on problems of preparing fire poliin Arkansas with the idea of reducing the 4,500 non-approvals per Moore stated, and the persons who the bureau. All agents attending the meeting were provided outlines of rules forms, the misunderstanding of

which seems to be contributing largely to most of the non-approvals

Oren Becker, Lepanto, was elected regional chairman, and Gerald Robin-son, Blytheville, was named co-chair-

Other regional meetings scheduled with President Werntz, Manager Moore and Mr. Plangman in attendance are: Harrison, Oct. 24; Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Oct. 26; Russellville, Oct. 27; Hot Springs, Oct. 28.

# Boston Agents and **Brokers Statement** on Commissions

BOSTON-A joint committee of Boston Board of Fire Underwriters and Insurance Brokers Assn. of Masschusetts appointed several months ago to study the commission situation recommended that the sales and service portions of the commission be separated. A basic commission rate, the committee suggested, contemplating compensation only for producing the business, should be established. To this compensation, the committee recommended that there be added payment for such services as the producer should provide. These services would include underwriting, inspection, loss adjustment, issuing of endorsements, collection and guaranty of premiums, etc.
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In explaining this proposal, the committee said that such a compensation system would outline the functions of agents and other producers and could also be considered in segregating insurance company expenses under accounting laws and regulation. It would also be feasible and reasonable to require that branch offices operated by insurance companies follow the same pattern as that established for agents.

tern as that established for agents.

J. T. Keyes was chairman of the committee, which included H. A. Reardon, president of the brokers group and W. S. Attridge, president Boston board, took part in the activity. The report was approved at a recent meeting of the board.

#### Mutual Loss Managers to Meet at St. Louis Oct. 19-21

Mutual Loss Managers Conference will meet next week at St. Louis with a program of notable speakers on current issues

After the business session Wednesday morning, lead-off speaker will be Gordon Davis, secretary-manager of Mutual Loss Research Bureau. Thursday morning the speaker will be G. H. Thompson, vice-president Northwestern Mutual Fire, on "Automobile Material Damage Claims." Fire, on Claims

In the afternoon, Don T. Hawkins, assistant manager of loss research divission, will talk on recent changes in forms and coverages. There will be a panel discussion on fire and inland marine forms and coverages. The members will be R. C. Hasse, Wagner & Glidden; W. J. Rothfuss, independent adjuster of Decatur, Ill., and James J. Ryan of Ash-

land, Ky.
George M. Blum of George M. Blum George M. Blum of George M. Blum & Associates, Chicago, will open the Friday meeting with a talk on "Business Interruption Insurance." J. F. Sullivan, Alexander Grant & Co., Chicago; Charles J. Peck, Wagner & Glidden, and A. D. Jones, United Adjustment & Inspection of Dallas, will hold forth with a panel discussion.

Charles J. Peck of Wagner & Glidden will talk in the afternoon on "Reporting Forms and Adjustments." The meeting

will talk in the afternoon on "Reporting Forms and Adjustments." The meeting will conclude with a panel consisting of Messrs. Sullivan, Blum and Jones.

Will Walker, Travelers, Milwaukee, spoke to the Port Washington (Wis.) Rotary Club on "Is Your Automobile Insurance High Enough?" Frank E. Altendorf, local agent, arranged for the

# Four Executives of F.I.A. Elevated

#### Forristall, Grider, Germain V.-P.'s-Redfield Assistant Eastern Head

A number of high executives of Fac-ry Insurance Assn. have been elevated

in rank. W. H. Forristall, presently assistant to the president, becomes vice-presi-

dent.
H. L. Grider,
manager of the
regional western regional office, becomes vice - president, re-taining also his title as manager at Chicago.
J. H. Germain,

now manager of the eastern regional of-

manager of the Hartford office.

C. H. Redfield, field manager at New
York, becomes assistant manager of the
eastern regional office. For the present,

W. H. Forristall

Ar. Redfield will continue to supervise the operations in New York City and surrounding territory.

Mr. Forristall was employed by F.I.A. in 1919 as a clerk in the underwriting department, later becoming special agent at Buffalo. In 1935 he returned to Hartford and in 1936 was appointed assistant.

ford and in 1936 was appointed assistant superintendent of the underwriting de-partment. He became executive assistant in 1940, assistant manager in 1942, manager of the eastern regional office in 1945 and assistant to the president in

Mr. Grider went with the F.I.A. from Mr. Grider went with the F.I.A. from the Stone, Stafford & Stone agency of Indianapolis, in 1918. In 1919, he moved to Cleveland, and opened the branch of-fice of Factory association. He left in

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# Weichel Blocks Action on Maritime Bill

WASHINGTON—Hearings on the maritime commission bill to authorize it writing war risk insurance in peacetime, and the efforts of Rep. Weichel, Ohio, to investigate wartime insurance activities of the commission and war shipping administration ceased Tuesday when Rep. Hart, New Jersey, chairman of the House merchant marine subcommittee on the bill, declared that body adjourned sine die. He said the committee was "completely at the mercy" of Weichel.

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Chairman Bland of the full committee and other members had suggested that Weichel limit his cross examinations of commission officials or that the commit-tee hear testimony of Percy Chubb and other marine witnesses, or act on the bill and then have investigated wartime

marine insurance operations.

Bland declared the bill the most imortant before his committee, that the portant before his committee, that the fate of the American merchant marine would depend upon it.

"I am afraid an emergency may arise," said he. "Time is of the essence."

#### Exhibits Are Offered

Hart opened the hearing by reading letters from commission acting Chairman Mellen submitting copies of wartime commission agreements; lists of employes of commission and WSA in-surance division's personnel, lists of unsurance division's personnel, lists of un-derwriters who acted through the marine hull syndicate, and of companies that acted as underwriting agents in issuing cargo policies for WSA. These data had been requested by Weichel. Weichel engaged in lengthy cross-examination about alleged 2,000 unnum-bered policies issued by WSA, syndi-cate and agents' profits, government

bered policies issued by WSA, syndicate and agents' profits, government funds involved, etc. B. K. Ogden, commission insurance division chief, gave most of the answers. He said he had no knowledge about these policies.

Weichel charged that the general accounting office, in a 1946 audit, said there was no record of the policies "except on stenographers' notebooks." He said that under arrangements between government shipping agencies and marine insurance interests, in one case a representative of the latter would say his name was "John Doe and in another case Richard Roe", both being the same person; "they transacted business with themselves."

#### Sees No Need for Haste

Questioning the need for haste in passing the bill, Weichel said "this thing about emergency does not strike me when they handed over \$150 million to the companies. The latter invested it privately and made \$18 million profit. They paid a total of \$53 million to the government and in losses. That left about \$113 million. These people want the same thing passed."

He demanded that there should be full investigation before action, of the "whole insurance setup", the money paid out, how it was paid, the settlement of losses, etc. He declared the situation "smells to high heaven", and that the Department of Justice had investigated and found excessive amounts had been paid in some cases. "I don't propose this shall be covered up now," Weichel announced.

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A committeeman suggested Mr. Chubb be called "so that we could get the insurance side of this picture."

"I will get to Mr. Chubb," remarked Weichel. He said that Ogden, "the only man who knew about insurance" in maritime, "was relieved when they got into big money."

He demanded to know "when the \$150 million were paid over". He brought out that there were 19 employes in the commission's insurance division in January, 1942, and the WSA insurin January, 1942, and the WSA insur-ance division took over eight in December, 1941, the commission created an

insurance committee, which included Chubb and Ogden. Chubb became WSA insurance head in February or March, 1942, Ogden said. He added the companies accepted the

agreement or contract on hull insur-ance between WSA and the marine hull syndicate only "after long discussion".

When Weichel said the names of the companies and of the underwriters are "the same", Ogden said different kinds

"the same", Ogden said different kinds of insurance were involved. He pointed out he was practically out of the war insurance picture for a few years. He had "no idea" how many war risk policies were printed bearing Admiral Land's name, nor who had charge of them in WSA, nor whether the policies were numbered. He did not know whether there was accounting for those whether there was accounting for those policies issued to a list of companies or underwriter agents, but said there

was accounting for the money that came

Weichel demanded to know what had been done to get back the policies and premiums on them "from these people". Ogden said underwriting agents discontinued business June 30, 1944, but "what had been business June 30, 1944, but "what had been business June and June happened I do not know; was not in position then to know". He indicated the commission had done nothing about that matter.

Weichel charged that checks came to WSA for premiums and were held for (CONTINUED ON PAGE 18)



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# Great American to Have 1 for 4 Split; \$10 Million Capital

Directors of Great American have voted to call a special meeting of stock-holders Nov. 29 to authorize an in-crease in the capital from \$8,150,000 to crease to declare a 25% stock dividend. Chairman D. R. Ackerman states it is anticipated that after the stock dividend is pated that after the stock dividend is consummated the same rate of regular annual dividend of \$1.20 per share paid in the aggregate by Great American and Great American Corp., which has been in effect for a number of years, will be continued. This is equivalent to an annual dividend at the rate of \$1.50 on the present Great American charge. present Great American shares. It is expected that the first quarterly dividend on the capital stock as increased will be paid Jan. 16. In December last year an extra dividend of 10 cents per share was declared, but it is not expected that similar action will be taken this year.

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The stock of Rochester American, 92% of which is owned by Great American and Great American Corp., will be increased from \$1 million to \$1½ mil-

lion, after which it is proposed to declare a 50% stock dividend. The intention is to pay the same rate of regular annual dividend of \$1.20 per share, which is equivalent to an annual dividend at the rate of \$1.80 on the present shares.

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This action of Great American comes at a time when capital increases are much invogue. Among other companies that have taken such action, or are in process of doing so, are Hartford Fire, North America, Travelers and Fire Association. Market observers believe that the sharp increase in the prices for a number of other insurance companies that has been taking place portends that has been taking place portends capital increases elsewhere.

The capital of Great American is now an odd amount. There are 30,000 shares that are owned by the corporation and if these were retired, the capital would be \$8 million and a 25% increase would produce 2 million shares of \$5 par value.

#### **Tell Rating Bureau Work**

Operations and functions of Pacific Fire Rating Bureau were explained to Fire Underwriters Forum of San Francisco by A. W. Gilbert general manager. There will be supplemental talks by Fay Hawkins, executive secretary and assistant manager; Walter Burke, executive chief examiner and R. C. Stevenson, San Francisco manager.

# Study Future of Old Northwest Body: Dinner Oct. 31

The annual dinner of the Life Members Society of Fire Underwriters Assn. of the Northwest, Oct. 31 at the La Salle hotel, Chicago, will be a joint session with the original Northwest association. An exceptionally large at-tendance is expected because there will be a full discussion of the future course of these associations. Attorney John Smalley, who has been investigating the situation, will be present to answer any legal questions that may arise.

There is now no distinction in the membership of the two organizations and an idea that has been advanced is to effect a consolidation and with a program to perpetuate and revitalize the group. A. F. Powrie, western manager of Fire Association, has been the leader in seeking to effect a plan whereunder new members would be admitted to the organization with a requirement of 15 years fire insurance experience and certain other qualifications.

The Northwest association is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, fire insurance organizations in the middlewest, dating from 1879 and it has a great tradition. Since no new members have been admitted for about 25 years, unless the ranks are opened up again, the Northwest association some day will take on the melancholy aspect of a last man's club.

last man's club.
C. J. Lingenfelder, secretary of
America Fore, is president of the Life
Members Society, while C. W. Ohlsen,
western manager of Sun, is president of the Northwest association. There will be a reception at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner.

#### North America Booklet Lists **Duties of Fund Trustees**

A new booklet making clear the re-A new booklet making clear the responsibility of trustees for preserving trust funds and making sure that adequate insurance is provided has been published by North America.

Pointing out that recent catastrophes have caused trustees and administrative officials of schools, colleges, universities,

hospitals, churches and similar educa-tional or charitable organizations, to review their responsibilities, the booklet cites court decisions defining the responsibility of trustees and indicates the important role that insurance plays in the proper discharge of that responsi-

The scope of the book is indicated by e chapter headings: "Responsibilities the chapter headings: "Responsibilities of Trustees"; "That Role of Insurance"; "Development of Insurance Program"; "Check List of Important Coverages and Clauses" and Clauses.

#### **Tanner Named Ohio State Agent of Commercial Union**

Commercial Union has appointed E. Tanner as state agent for fire and inland marine business in Ohio, exclud-ing Cleveland and Cuyahoga county. He will be assisted by Special Agents Frank N. Nixon, William Vredenburgh and Paul W. Down. Mr. Nixon and Mr. And Fail W. Down. Mr. Nixon and Mr. Vredenburgh are now in the Ohio field and Mr. Down, who has had experience at the home office, will be added to the field staff shortly.

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Down will make their headquarters at Columbus with

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Down will make their headquarters at Columbus with Mr. Tanner. Mr. Vredenburgh will con-tinue to make his headquarters in the Keith building, Cincinnati.

#### Home Changes Mo. Titles

Joseph F. Lisy, state agent in eastern Missouri for Home, has been made manager of the eastern state agency, effective Nov. 1, with the same St. Louis headquarters. At the same time

Thomas B. McCaffrey, state agent at Kansas City, is being made manager of the western state agency.

Mr. Lisy has been with the company since 1926 and was in the field in Ohio before going to St. Louis several year ago. Mr. McCaffrey was named special agent at Kansas City in 1924 and state agent in 1942.

#### Improved Risk Mutuals to Move to White Plains

Improved Risk Mutuals will move its main office about Nov. 14 from 60 John street, New York, to 25 South Broadway, White Plains. This will comprise temporary quarters. A two-story and basement brick, steel and concrete building is to be erected at 7-13 South Broadng is to be erected at 7-13 South Broad-way, White Plains, on which Improved Risk Mutuals will enter into a long-term lease. It is expected that this building will be ready in the fall of next year. The building is designed so that two additional stories can be added as needed.

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# Cooney Feted on 15th Anniversary as Firemen's Head

In honor of John R. Cooney, presi-

In honor of John R. Cooney, president of Firemen's, a dinner was given at the Essex Club on the occasion of his 15th year as president and his 35th year in the employ of the company.

The affair was attended by the directors and officers, about 85 of whom were present, among them being the officers in charge of its Chicago, San Francisco and Dallas departmental offices and several of its branch offices.

As a tribute to Mr. Cooney, and to emphasize his accomplishments for the company since he became president, a



JOHN R. COONEY

history of his career was presented in radio script form and "March of Time" style, through the courtesy and cooperation of station WNJR of Newark.

Percy S. Young, chairman of the executive and finance committee, commented on the remarkable strides made by the company under Mr. Cooney's management, and then presented Mr. Cooney a gift certificate for a combination radio-television set from the dition radio-television set from the directors and officers.
William B. Rearden, executive vice-

William B. Rearden, executive vice-president, acted as toastmaster. As an illustration of the progress made by the company under Mr. Cooney's manage-ment, he mentioned that in 1934, the year Mr. Cooney was elected to the presidency, the group's premium income was \$29,295,000, while for 1948 it was approximately \$110 million, an increase of 272%. The consolidated assets in 1934 were \$56,590,000, while as of August 31, 1949, they were \$169,284,000, an increase of \$112,694,000.

#### Seeks Full Recovery on **Building Insured Said** It Intended to Demolish

Greyhound Building Corp. of Chicago, a subsidiary of Greyhound Bus Lines, has brought suit in federal court at Chicago, seeking the recovery of \$127,-393 against Fidelity-Phenix, Agricul-tural and North River for loss caused by the fire in the Apollo Theater, June 2 of this year.

The complaint states that the three insurers covered the building in 1947, the insurance was still in full force and effect on the date of the fire and that

after examining the records the insurers refused to make any payment.

Greyhound Building Corp. purchased the theater along with the Ashland block and other buildings in that visiting the state of the cinity about eight or 10 years ago and has frequently announced its intention to demolish the buildings and to construct a new bus terminal there. A permit was issued by the city of Chicago to demolish the theater, along with the Union building on July 22 of this year. Permit to demolish the Ashland block

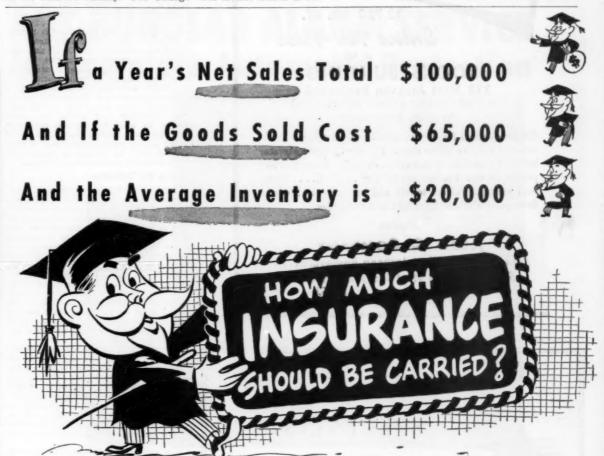
was issued June 30.

The insurers apparently based their refusal to pay on the ground that the Greyhound Co. intended to demolish the Greyhound Co. intended to demolish the premises in any event and, therefore, suffered no real loss by reason of the fire. Since actual demolition was not started or even permitted until well after the fire, the question is presented as to the effect of an intent to demolish on the insurer's liability. The Chicago

law firm of Lord, Bissell & Kadyk is Minn. Surcharge Case Set representing Greyhound.

Notwithstanding the prior denial of liability on the part of the three insurers, Greyhound on July 29 presented proofs of loss making claim against Fidelity-Phenix for \$27,546, Agricultural, \$50,421 and North River, \$49,426. The broker on the line is Transporta-tion Underwriters Agency, Inc. of which Ray H. Johnson is president. The agent for the Agricultural and North River insurance was McCabe & Hengle, while the agent on the Fidelity-Phenix line was Homer Gwinn & Co.

ST. PAUL—After hanging fire for nearly two years, the court case to determine the validity of the 2% surcharge on fire premiums is now set for trial Oct. 31. Kenneth Hassler, a St. Paul policyholder, instituted the action, naming the insurance commissioner. Travel. ing the insurance commissioner, Travelers and others as defendants. He contends the surcharge is unconstitutional and demands that it be abolished. Agents and companies have found the surcharge a considerable bother and are awaiting the outcome of the case with great in-



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# Counsels Banks to Be Named as Sole Loss Payees

The "Protective Bulletin" of American Bankers Assn. has been counseling banks to be named as sole loss payees to the extent of their interests in auto-mobile insurance policies. In its October edition, the bulletin states that several banks have reported difficulty in pursu-ing this recommendation. The bulletin states that the difficulty may be due to a misunderstanding on the part of some local agents concerning loss payment procedure when the lienholder is named as sole loss payee in endorsements atas sole loss payee in endorsements at-tached to automobile fire, theft and col-lision or comprehensive policies.

Naming only the bank as a loss payee in an endorsement to such policies does

n an endorsement to such policies does not contemplate any change in the loss payment procedure of the insurer except in unusual cases, according to the bulletin. Insurers may follow the same practice as when the insured borrower and the lien holding bank are both named as loss payees in the policy; that is, both may be named as payees on drafts issued in settlement of claims.

#### Usually No Difficulty

Usually no difficulty whatsoever is experienced in following this procedure. However, in those rare situations where the insured borrower has disappeared or the insured borrower has disappeared or died, or a difference arises between the bank and the insured as to disposition of the loss payment, it is necessary for the bank to have the right to request the insurer to issue a loss draft payable solely to the bank, but only to the extent of the amount of loan outstanding. And the insurer is protected against contingent liability to its insured for the amount paid to the bank, since naming only the bank in loss payable clause gives the insurer the right to follow this procedure

The bulletin observes that naming the lien holder as sole loss payee in an endorsement to an insurance contract has been done for more than 50 years in connection with the standard mortgagee clause attached to the fire insurance policies covering real estate. It should be emphasized that naming the bank as sole payee will not entail any deviation in the method of drawing loss drafts

except in rare cases. The bulletin also emphasizes that the insurance as to the interest of the bank insurance as to the interest of the bank should be written so as not to be invalidated by any act or neglect of the mortgagor or owner, nor by any change in the title or ownership of the property (except conversion, embezzlement or secretion by the mortgagor is not covered unless specifically insured for an additional premium). Also it must be stipulated that in the event of cancellation, the insurer must give the bank at least 10 days' notice before the cancellation. least 10 days' notice before the cancellation is effective as to the interest of the bank.

#### Wichita Agents Conduct First Buyers Parley

Wichita Assn. of Insurance Agents this week conducted its first executives and insurance buyers conference.

The opening session was presided over by Eric C. Moore, Harris, Burns & Co., president of the association. Edward W. Ozanick, assistant superintendent at Chicago for Hartford Accident, spoke on workmen's compensation, and G. R. Colburn, assistant vice-president American Appraisal Co. covered pages American Appraisal Co., covered property valuations.

Luncheon speaker was Alden Tro-villo, manager industrial department, Wichita Chamber of Commerce. The afternoon session got underway with John T. Even, assistant manager Fire-man's Fund at Chicago, reporting on business interruption, followed by Wil-liam A. Eakin, manager western de-partment Employers group, on comprepartment Employers group, on compre-

# Colo. Agents Elect Jones, Plan to Hire Full Time Secretary

Samuel Jones of Pueblo was elected president of Colorado Assn. of Insurance Agents at the annual meeting last week, moving up from vice-president to succed Charles D. Hopkins of Colorado Springs. The new vice-president is William D. Sanborn, Denver; Samuel H. Butler, Pueblo, is secretary, and Fred W. Noe, Greeley, was reelected treasurer. L. Allen Beck, Denver, was named state director. The new officers will take over Jan. 1.

The association approved an increase in dies in order to make possible the employment of a paid secretary. Details were left to the directors. New members of the board are Phillip M. Lorton,
Alamosa; Foster L. Fritchie, Colorado
Springs; Mr. Noe, Mr. Butler and Peter
J. Walsh, Denver.

The meeting drew 270 to Pueblo to hear talks by Commissioner Kavanaugh and to see a motion picture on inland and to see a motion picture on inland marine prepared under the direction of Broadus Bailey, Greenville, S. C., chairman of the N.A.I.A. inland marine committee, and to take a trip through the steel mills of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co.

#### Dineen's Talk Highlight of Conn. Agents' Program

Superintendent Robert E. Dineen of Superintendent Robert E. Dineen of New York heads the list of speakers for the annual meeting of Connecticut Assn. of Insurance Agents Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at New Haven. T. Alfred Fleming, National Board; Maurice Herndon of the Washington office of National association and John Adam, Jr., Central Manufacturers Mutual, Boston, will round out the program.

The directors will meet the morning of Oct. 31 and the first general session of Oct. 31 and the first general session.

of Oct. 31 and the first general session will be that afternoon. In the evening will be that afternoon. In the evening there will be a cocktail hour followed by the banquet. There will be a general session Thursday morning and the local board officers luncheon will conclude the



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# Details of Fire **Association Move** Are Announced

Complete details of the proposed merger of the four companies of the Fire Association group together with comments by President Frank H. Thomas have been submitted to stockholders. Because of the several interests involved the directors preferred that the fair values of exchange be determined impartially and retained A. M. Best Co. The conclusions of that company conformed with the management's analysis. Reprinted in a booklet to stockholders they state that the amount of Fire Association stock both before and after the 20.77% bonus "which in our opinion constitutes a just and equitable exchange for any one of the affiliated companies" is Lumbermen's, fair exchange rate 1.22436, actual exchange rate after bonus 1.479; Philadelphia National fair rate .29243, actual .486. All calculations are based on the statements of June 30, 1949 are based on the statements of June 30,

are based on the statements of June 30, 1949.

It was originally proposed that upon completion of the merger a 20% dividend be declared to stockholders. To simplify procedure and balance the issued capital to an even \$3,400,000 directors authorized a stock dividend of 20.77% to stockholders as an incident to, rather than after the merger.

President Thomas' letter states in part that it is the management's intent predicated upon earnings and general conditions to place Fire Association stock on a 65 cent quarterly dividend basis beginning in 1950. Estimates indicate that the contemplated yearly dividend rate of \$2.60 per share will be supported by the projected investment income for 1950 of \$3.95 a share. After those steps, compared with the present dividend return, income to stockholders on the final holdings will be increased by 25.5% for Fire Association; 26.9% for Reliance: 31.4% for Philadelphia National and 9.6% for Lumbermen's.

In addition the three smaller affiliates

31.4% for Philadelphia National and 9.6% for Lumbermen's.

In addition the three smaller affiliates will have avoided a competitive disadvantage which their present capital structure would ultimately have imposed and their stockholders will share in the benefits of the strengthened parent company. The capital and surplus of Fire Association by merger will be expanded approximately \$4½ million. Also there should be increased efficiency.

#### Adjusters in Evansville Area Are Forming Group

Steps have been taken to organize an association of adjusters in the vicinity of Evansville, Ind. At an organization meeting a committee was appointed to submit a group of prospective names for the consideration of the members. The meeting was attended by 39 of the 42 eligible Evansville adjusters who decided that all adjusters, both fire and casualty, who devote their full time to adjustment of losses for the companies would be eligible. However it was concluded that all adjusters residing in southern Indiana, southern Illinois and western Kentucky be invited to become members. There are approximately 75 adjusters residing in the tri-state area. Harry Thompson, staff adjuster for Travelers, was elected temporary chairman and M. W. Hastings, Western Adjustment, acting secretary. Mr. Hastings heads the constitution and by-laws committee, the other members being H. F. Perkins, Irvin Swain, Harry Thompson, R. P. Colbert, Carl Smith, Richard Mob-

Perkins, Irvin Swain, Harry Thompson R. P. Colbert, Carl Smith, Richard Mob-

ley.
The next meeting will be held Nov.

#### Leary Booklet Published

Aetna Fire has published as a public service a pamphlet entitled, "Scientific Fire Control for the Better Safeguard-

ing of Lives and Property," the author being Paul Ivan Leary, deputy state fire marshal of Maryland. It was based on a talk that was given at the annual meeting of National Fire Waste Council in April. The pamphlet will be distributed to 6,000 fire departments by International Assn. of Fire Chiefs.

#### Hear Bataan March Survivor

At the monthly luncheon of Indiana Blue Goose Monday with more than 50 in attendance, Col. L. F. Zimmerman of the tenth air force, one of those who

participated in the death march at Ba-

taan, told of his experiences.

A collection was taken to create an entertainment fund for the Christmas

#### Map the Buyers' Program

Subjects under consideration for the discussions at the meeting of the insurance division of American Management Assn. at the Drake hotel, Chicago, Dec. 15-16 include: The impact of rating laws on the insurance buyer, multiple location risks, insurance buying in today's econ-

omy, loss prevention and its effect on

retrospective rating.

retrospective rating.

One of the features will be a session at which the members will have the opportunity to put questions to a panel of experts in fidelity-surety, liability, fire and boiler lines. Russell B. Gallagher, Philco Corp. and vice-president of A.M.A. for the insurance division, is in charge of arrangements.

The annual picnic outing of Iowa Blue Goose was well attended, with more than 125 members and their fami-lies on hand.

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#### Hold Agreed Hearing on **Tennesse Rate Revision**

NASHVILLE—An agreed hearing between the Tennessee department and Tennessee Inspection Bureau, on a recommendation by Commissioner Allen that fire premium rates in 15 classifications be reduced 10 to 25%, began Tuesday and was expected to continue several days. The commissioner's recomday and was expected to continue several days. The commissioner's recommendations included increases in saw mill and theater classifications. In agreeing to the hearing, J. H. Norton, manager of the Inspection Bureau, made no comment. Later this month the Davidson county circuit court is to hear the injunction action of the inspection. the injunction action of the inspection bureau against the insurance depart-ment, protesting that part of the de-partment's order having to do with rate reductions prior to July 1.

#### Revise Ontario License Fees, Part Time Rules

TORONTO-An increase has been effected in some license fees for Ontario insurance agents. The increase goes into effect with the current 1949-1950 licen-

sing year.

The minimum fee has been upped from \$5 to \$15 and the old graduated scale abolished. The new minimum for all areas of less than 10,000 population all areas of less than 10,000 population is \$15 and for centers of 50,000 and up, the fee is \$25. The \$25 fee formerly applied only to centers of 50,000 and up. Penalties for late filings have been abol-

A change also has been made with re-pect to the part-time rule. Part-time A change also has been made with respect to the part-time rule. Part-time agents may now only be licensed in areas where the population is less than 5,000. All others, by the end of September, 1951, must be on a full-time basis. If they fail they will have to abolish their agency business entirely.

Other changes in the licensing act provide that licenses, original or renewal expire on March 31 after issue if for life

or life and A. & H., on Sept. 30 after issue for other classes.

License fees for life or life and A. & H. where an applicant is a resident of Ontario are \$5. Where an applicant is

non-resident, if he resides in a province or state that grants licenses to residents of Ontario; will pay the regular local fee or \$5 whichever is greater. If he resides in a province or state that does not grant licenses to residents of On-

tario the fee is \$50.

Where a license is expressly limited to A. & H., the fee is \$5.

#### Fireman's Fund Makes So. California Field Shifts

A. N. Bushnell, Sr., special agent of Fireman's Fund at San Diego, will retire Oct. 15, after 22 years with the company, and 40 years in fire insurance. He joined Pacific Board in 1909, and late was transferred to Los Angeles as ex-aminer and surveyor. Later he left the board to enter local agency business at Bisbee, Ariz.

From 1917 to 1920 he was special agent of Fireman's Fund at Great Falls, Mont., and then at Salt City. In 1927 he opened the Fresno office, in 1930 was transferred to Los Angeles and in

1948 was placed in charge at San Diego. He is succeded by John D. Harrison, a graduate of Northwestern University,

a graduate of Northwestern University, who served in the navy during the war and joined Fireman's Fund in 1948.

Robert G. Culbertson of the fire department at Los Angeles has been appointed a special agent and transferred to San Diego as aid to Mr. Harrison.

Mr. Culbertson, a graduate of U.C.L.A., is a district of the Fireman's Fund in 1948. joined the Fireman's Fund in 1946 as underwriter in the engineering department at Los Angeles. He served in the army air force, being discharged as a

#### Kuffel to Rockford Agency

Charles P. Kuffel, Illinois state agent for National Union, has resigned to join the John Camlin agency at Rockford. Mr. Kuffel started with National Union in 1943 at Chicago as an engineer in the middlewest states. In 1945 he was appointed Illinois state agent.

The Powell-Gaulter agency has been formed at **Des Moines** by Norman C. Powell and Jack P. Gaulter. Offices are at 520 Paramount building.

#### New Okla. Rate Laws Are Now in Effect

The Oklahoma state insurance board has issued regulations in connection with the new fire and casualty rate regulatory acts that became effective Oct. 1. It is held that the manuals, rates and rating plans of each company on file with the board Oct. 1 constitute compliance with the filing requirements of the law until a call for further filing shall be made the board.

The board will, in the next several months, request filings on each line of insurance subject to regulations, but filings will be requested on only one line at a time and insurers are requested

at a time and insurers are requested not to make further filings until a call has been issued.

Any changes in classifications, rules, rating plans, schedules or coverages to alter or depart from existing rates, or any other questionable practice should be avoided so that the board may not exalled upon to invoke its general and the salled upon to invoke its genera be avoided so that the board may not be called upon to invoke its general authority and power to stop such practices, the board states. Insurers are asked to cooperate to the utmost so that the transition may be made in an orderly and proper manner. The change will be made more difficult if, during the intervening period, a chaotic condition arises, the board states.

#### Experience Rating Approved

Interstate experience rating has been approved for use on compensation and employers liability risks in Oklahoma effective Oct. 1. Also retrospective rating plan D has been approved for general liability and auto liability cover, but it does not permit combining experience on compensation with that on general liabil-

compensation with that on general habil-ity and automobile.

The Oklahoma board has ruled that
"Traveler" and "Vagabond" automobiles
manufactured by Kaiser-Frazer and similar models of other manufacturers should be rated as private passenger automobiles for B. I. and P. D. Some insurers had proposed to rate such automobiles under the station cars and jeeps rule because of the increased carrying capacity of these automobiles. The board concluded that in view of the conven-tional design and limited additional

stowage it would be inequitable to rate such automobiles other than as private passenger automobiles.

#### Mutual Claim Conference

Conference of Mutual Casualty Companies is holding a claim conference at Hotel Stevens, Chicago, Nov. 17. Chairman is C. V. Dunnuck of State Farm Mutual Auto.

#### Hear Blue Cross Man

Kansa Assn. of A. & H. Under-writers held its opening fall meeting at Wichita with Sam Barham, state man-ager of the Blue Cross, Topeka, as ager of the Blue Cross, Topeka, as speaker, followed by a question period. Retiring President Claude Jackson, Interstate Assurance, gave a report on the membership campaign which Natinal association cup for the Kansas association.

#### Aetna Chicago Rally

An insurance conference will be conducted by Aetna Casualty for 200 of its representatives in the Chicago area Oct. 19, at the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago.

Participating in the program will be Donald K. Weiser, manager at Chi-cago; Field Supervisors Frank W. Potter and Austin D. Bryan of the home office, and several field representatives.

The Chicago meeting is one of 35 being held throughout the nation this fall in order to give agents first-hand knowledge of new and broadened cov-erages and improved methods of policyholder service.

#### Plan Benefit for Children

A "mile of dimes" campaign to benefit the Rainier school for mentally handicapped children at Buckley, Wash, will be sponsored by the Insurance Women's Assn. of Seattle.

#### Fall Outing at Quincy

The local board at Quincy, Ill. held its annual fall outing this week. There was a dinner in the city Tuesday and then on Wednesday was held the golf outing at Quincy Country Club.

#### **Honor Past Presidents**

New Jersey Insurance Fieldmen's Assn. will hold past presidents' night Oct. 24. Walter D. Sheldon is in charge. Edwin C. Burke, state agent of Automobile, has been elected treasurer.

#### Ohio Men to Meet in Pa.

COLUMBUS-Ohio Fire Underwriters Assn. at its meeting this week dedied to hold the 1950 annual meeting at the Summit House, Uniontown, Pa. Tribute was paid to the memory of R. E. Zimmerman, Commercial Union, who was lost on the Noronic.

#### Kan. Field Groups to Meet

Kansas Fire Underwriters Assn., the Bureau Field Club and Kansas Fire Prevention Assn. are holding meetings at Topeka Oct. 18, preceding the annual meeting of Kansas Assn. of Insurance Agents. The Fire Prevention Assn. is holding an "inspectors school" directed by Emmett Cox of Western Actuarial Bureau.

#### Revise State W. C. Booklets

Changesi n the workmen's compensa-tion laws in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Jersey and New York have made neces-sary a publication of revised workmen's compensation law pamphlets for those states. Assn. of Casualty & Surety Companies is distributing the booklets. Each contains a digest of the complete text of the law, together with supplementary laws including latest amendments, and annotations of cases decided since publication of the previous edition. Single copies are \$1 and may be obtained from the editor of Law Publications of the association offices at 60 John street, New York 7.



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A completely revised sprinkler leakage manual has been filed in the New England states by New England Fire Insurance Rating Assn. It provides for a 10% reduction in rates for single occupancy risks and 20% for multiple occupancy. The rating system is simplified. Flexible or judgment rating factors and charges for tenant occupancy are eliminated. The rule section has been completely done over and clarified, The minimum premium is increased

**New England Gets** 

Sprinkler Changes

The minimum premium is increased from \$2 to \$5 to correspond with the fire policy minimum. On the reporting form the minimum premium for a specific sprinkler policy is reduced from

cific sprinkler policy is reduced from \$100 to \$50.

There is a 5-cent reduction in the basic rate in the schedule. Several specific charges in the old schedule are eliminated. Specific percentage charges for deficiencies or substandard equipment are added in place of charges based on judgment, and the table for damage ability of stocks is completely revised.

The former "superior housekeeping" credit of up to 50% applies to limited occupancy risks only and may be applied separately to stock and buildings.

occupancy risks only and may be ap-plied separately to stock and buildings. Manufacturing risks written with 10% or less coinsurance will be subject to the pro rata distribution clause. They were formerly exempted from this

#### Waskon Marine Special

John B. Waskon has been appointed marine special agent of Fireman's Fund in the southern department with head-quarters at Dallas, assisting John J. Little, special agent.

#### Health Talk at Baltimore

Dr. Marius P. Johnson, chairman of Baltimore Medical Society's committee on medical service and public relations, spoke on "Health Insurance," at a meeting of Assn. of Fire Underwriters of Baltimore City.

The program was arranged by Howard W. Jackson, former mayor of Baltimore and president of the association.

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#### Confer on Mexican Cover

W. G. Knox, legal adviser of the Texas department, has returned from Mexico City, where he conferred with officials of Mexican companies operating in Texas in connection with automobile coverage for Texans and other Americans driving their cars into Mexico.

#### **Hutchinson to Head Office**

Home has transferred J. W. Hutchinson, formerly special agent at Chicago, to the head office where he will work in the foreign business department. He joined the company in 1938 and became special agent in Chicago in 1941. He is now on a trip to Cuba.

#### Claim Office at Tucson

Fireman's Fund group has opened a claim office at Tucson, Ariz., under the direction of Adjuster Theodore H. Worthington. Agents and assured in southeastern Arizona will be served by

southeastern Arizona will be a the new office.

Allen F. Hall, adjuster at Phoenix, will continue to have the over-all direction of claims service and procedure for the entire state.

#### Hemispheric Men Meet

A meeting of U. S. members of the Hemispheric Insurance Conference permanent committee was scheduled for New York, Oct. 14, preliminary to the permanent committee meeting at Ha-

#### **Brooklyn Brokers' Slate**

At the Brooklyn Insurance Brokers
Assn. October meeting the following

were nominated for office, to be voted at the November meeting: President, Charles A. Merante; vice-presidents, William J. Kennedy, Max Klotz and Herbert J. Pohs; treasurer, John B. Swift, and secretary, George J. Mutari: board chairman, Max A. Pulver; board secretary, George J. Mutari.

The dinner dance installation of officers will be Dec. 1.

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#### Fetzer Red Cross Chairman

Wade Fetzer Jr., president of W. A. Alexander & Co., has been elected chairman of the Chicago chapter of Ameri-

the last two years.

#### Plan Middlesex Meetings

Middlesex County (N. J.) Assn. of Insurance Agents has scheduled a din-ner for Oct. 19 at Oak Hills Manor, Metuchen, with Edwin Keller as chair-

nan.
A "ladies night" meeting will be held
Dec. 13, in charge of Miss Dagmar
Koed of Carteret, N. J.

#### Coal Talk to Examiners

an Red Cross.

Assn. of Fire Insurance Examiners
He was the 1947 Red Cross fund of Chicago at the October 20 meeting

chairman and chapter vice-chairman for will hear a talk on bituminous coal mining in the western fields by Norman S. Huntington.

The group also will vote on an amendment to the constitution relative to election and term of office of the directors.

#### Berlenbach Is Promoted

Home has promoted Joseph Berlen-bach to assistant general adjuster. He was formerly manager of the loss divi-sion of the New York metropolitan department and will continue to fill that position. He has 21 years in the loss



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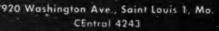
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pected," Mr. Murray said, "that such a policy will be written within the next 12 months.

Mutual Agents Take Firm Stand

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The National association has cooper-The National association has cooperated closely with the American Institute for Property and Liability Underwriters in the furtherance of the C.P.C.U. courses. It is important, Mr. Murray stated, to be authorities in the business. "Under such a situation we will not have to worry about the small agent who is to worry about the small agent who is selling insurance as a sideline." He con-cluded by asking the agents to give their active support to the program of the National association.

Those named to the board of direc-Those named to the board of directors for three year terms were: E. H. High, Columbus; E. P. Curtiss, Stratford, Conn.; George P. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.; William E. Billings, Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Mrs. Ellen E. Edwards, Montgomery, Ala.; George J. Hauenstein, Jr., Laurel, Miss., and Sterling Sasser, Austin, Tex.

#### Urges Support of Science

The first speaker at the meeting was Lynn A. Williams, Jr., vice-president in charge of promotion, University of Chicago, who addressed the group after the Monday luncheon. He discussed "The Insurance Man and the Atom," calling upon insurance men to endorse, through advertising, scientific research such as has been done in fire and accident prevention. To help explain some of the technical aspects of his topic, Mr. Williams supplemented his talk by showing

several slides. Herbert E. Clarkson, instructor in business letters and business English at Northwestern University, Chicago, gave some interesting and humorous examsome interesting and humorous exam-ples of how not to write business letters. He advised agents to "be specific, accentuate the positive, and eliminate the negative" in their letters. The theme of his talk was "Whiskered Expressions."

Admonishing that specialization and knowledge are prime requisites in selling, Richard R. Fowler, sales and merchandising consultant, Chicago, warned that the day of the salesman who sells on his personality alone is over. Mr. Fowler said that today the salesman must be scientific in both selling and merchandising.

"It is not necessary," Mr. Fowler remarked, "to be a scientist in order to be scientific." He went on to say that much research and statistical data are made available to agents by the companies and if agents will take advantage of this their selling will automatically become

scientific.

Mr. Fowler noted that there is a trend today toward package selling, emphasiz-ing that insurance men would do well if they could somehow adopt this prin-

#### Notes Change in People

Dr. Preston Scott, Wayne University, Detroit, entitled his talk "The Art of Dealing with People." During the last 15 years, Dr. Scott stated, people have undergone a tremendous change which has to be considered by those in the selling field. The basic tenet of selling is still satisfying "needs, wants and de-sires" but in addition, cognizance must

sires" but in addition, cognizance must be made of the change in people.

Calling upon agents to extend their markets, Frederich Meyer, Aplington, Ia., expressed the belief that great profits are to be found in seldom solicited types of coverages. Throughout his speech, which was entitled "Diversified Selling," Mr. Meyer warned that agents must be prepared for changes in selling methods. methods.

"Selling and the Shorter Work Week"
was the theme of address given by
Richard J. Rountree, vice-president
Pierce Wire Recorder Corp., Evanston,
Ill. He opined that "today the selling
function has the task of justifying its function has the task of justifying its very existence to the public." Its most common defense, he said, is that it

moves goods and services, thereby crework in factories, farm Mr. Rountree continued ating farms selling is improving the living standards by taking to the consumer the goods and services that will make his life

and services that will make his life easier, more pleasant and more secure."

The need for a planned sales presentation was stressed by John Adam, Jr., resident secretary of Central Manufacturers Mutual, Boston. "There is nothing our agency system needs more urgently than the realization that it must continually justify its existence," Mr. Adams declared. "Otherwise," he cautioned, "the agency system is not here to stay and will be replaced by direct sales."

Other prominent speakers at the convention were: Walter Taylor, Rochester, N. Y., on "Office Efficiency"; Dr. George D. Haskell, economist American Mutual Alliance, Chicago, on "A Factual Case for Mutual Insurance"; Fred W. Lair, Indiannellis, on "Selling Insurance the for Mutual Insurance"; Fred W. Lair, Indianapolis, on "Selling Insurance the Hard Way"; Robert Miller, professor Drake University, Des Moines, on "Are You Causing Your Own Dollar Shortage," and Dr. William Dern, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Newport, Ky., on "A Parson Takes a Gander."

At the business meeting on Monday afternoon a resolution was adopted which it is believed will further company and agent cooperation in setting up qualifica-

agent cooperation in setting up qualifica-tion standards for agents. A recommen-dation that members of the board of directors be nominated from the floor was made the study for a special committee to be appointed.

#### A "Cow" on Program

An interesting special atraction on Monday morning, preceding the convention proper, was an interview conducted by Mr. Murray with Clarissa the "cow," descendant of Mrs. O'Leary's famed bowine, in an effort to get the true story about how the great Chicago fire of 1871 really began. The event was pointed toward observance of Fire Prevention Week. Another popular feature on Monday was the evening cocktail party and reception for officers and past presidents of the National association.

Lumbermans Mutual Casualty was the host at a luncheon for the ladies on

Tuesday. The company also sponsored a sightseeing trip around Chicago and a tour of the home office building. The final banquet, at which no speeches were given, was held Wednesday evening. Dancing followed dinner.

Next year's convention will be held Oct. 16-18 in the Hotel Statler, New

York City.

Joe Maniaci, head football coach at St. Louis University, discussed "Big Time College Football in St. Louis" at luncheon meeting of St. Louis Blue Goose Monday.

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# Sees Welfare State in Health Plan

Compulsory health insurance is another spoke in the wheel of the welfare state, of which the hub is the social security act, Edward H. O'Connor, executive director Insurance Economics Society, declared during a forum on voluntary versus compulsory health insurance conducted by the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce in Chicago.

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"Few persons see that once you accept the principle that governments either federal or state have the primary responsibility to provide support for individuals who are out of the labor marginal than personally of the labor marginal than personally of the personal to account of dividuals who are out of the labor market, either permanently on account of old age or temporarily on account of unemployment, you will ultimately be compelled to accept all the major social security programs. Thus, logically, you will be compelled to accept the cash sickness benefits program because unemployment due to sickness is akin to unemployment due to lack of a job. Similarly, unemployment due to permanent disability is akin to unemployment due to old-age.

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"There is litle doubt but congressional bill H. R. 6000 is the first major step forward to the welfare state. It is the base for still further extensions of the social security act into the field of work-

social security act into the field of workmen's compensation, temporary disability and eventually socialized medicine."

Dr. Paul R. Hawley, chief executive officer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield commissions, joined with Mr. O'Connor in arguing against compulsory health insurance after Oscar R. Ewing, administrator federal security agency, defended the plan on the grounds that 80% of American families cannot bear the expense of major or chronic illness and that voluntary insurance plans are not providing sufficient medical care.

#### **Insurance Statistics** Session for the Teachers

A session in insurance statistics has been arranged for the annual meeting of American Statistical Assn. and American Assn. of University Teachers of Insurance. This will be held at the Bilmore Hotel, New York, Dec. 27, from 10-12 a.m., and is open to the public. Thomas O. Carlson, actuary of National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters, will speak on "Statistical and Actuarial Procedures in Liability Insurance;" Gordon Streeter, assistant actuary of Aetna Life, will describe "An Insurance Company's Approach to A. & H. Statistics;" while Mark Kormes, consulting actuary of New York, has as his topic "Statistical Problems and Methods of Blue Cross and Blue Shield Prepaid Hospital and Medical Care Plans." A session in insurance statistics has

Plans."
These papers will be discussed by Arthur L. Bailey, chief casualty actuary of the New York department, and by W. Rulon Williamson, actuarial consultant with the Wyatt Co. and Blue Cross-Blue Shield commissions. Presiding over the session will be Raymond F. Killion, assistant vice-president of Metropolitan Life.

#### Near Colorado Head

Donald A. Near has been appointed as Colorado manager for Houston Fire & Casualty with headquarters at Den-

Tommy Peters has been appointed special agent in north central Texas, with headquarters at Fort Worth. He was at the home office.

#### N. J. Casualty Outing

More than 100 attended the get-to-gether of Casualty Underwriters Assn. of N. J. at the Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, N. J. There was golf in the afternoon and a dinner in the evening, followed by a brief business meeting. meeting.

#### S. C. Rate Cut Not Enough, Legislative Leaders Say

Gov. Thurmond of South Carolina announced that National Bureau of Casualty Underwriters has promised to put into effect a 5% decrease in workmen's compensation rates effective Jan. 1. However, Senator Ralph Gasque, chairman of the legislative committee investigating compensation rates and Senator Wallace, a member of that committee. tigating compensation rates and Senator Wallace, a member of that committee, stated they would insist on a 20% reduction and urged Commissioner Murphy to reject the 5% decrease. The two senators, in a joint statement, said that all Gov. Thurmond has done "is to try to pack the state industrial commission with political appointees."

A 4½% reduction was made in compensation rates last Jan. 1.

#### **Urges Bus Accident Parley**

HARTFORD—A conference of trai-fic safety officials in Connecticut, Mas-sachusetts, New York and Rhode Island to find out why bus accidents are in-creasing has been proposed by Robert I. Catlin, vice-president of Aetna Cas-ualty, who is chairman of the Connecti-cut highway safety commission.

#### Reliance Life Now Offers A. & H. Without Life Cover

A. & H. insurance now is offered in-dependently of life insurance by Reli-ance Life. Since 1913 when Reliance first brought out its A. & H. policies, they had been available only to life in-surance policyholders. Now they can be written with or without life insurance.

Announcement of this was made together with a new compensation plan on A. & H. business at the four regional conventions held by Reliance, The new plan materially increases A. & H. commissions through a bonus payable at the end of the calendar year to those whose paid for A. & H. premiums meet a minimum requirement of \$500 during the

The bonus plan was made retroactive to Jan. 1 for those who pay for the minimum required this year. Many agents had qualified for this bonus before it was announced.

#### 'Comp" Commissioners Elect

International Assn. of Industrial Accident Boards & Commissioners at its annual meeting at St. Louis had about 300 delegates from the various states,

Alaska and Puerto Rico in attendance. Spencer H. Givens of Missouri was in charge as president.

New officers elected are: President, Harry A. Nelson, Wisconsin; vice-president, Elmer P. Corwin, Iowa. Marshall Dawson, bureau of labor standards, U. S. Department of Labor, is secretary.

Company speakers included Ashley St. Clair, Liberty Mutual, and T. A. Duckworth, Employers Mutual Liability.

#### Barnes N. J. Special Agent

NEWARK—Joseph Comerford, manager of the Newark, N. J., branch, announces C. Eugene Barnes has been appointed as field representative of Maryland Casualty for Morris, Bergen and Hudson counties, N. J. He has been in the casualty field for 12 years and expectations. as underwriter and special agent.

#### Philip L. Cochran Slated

Philip L. Cochran, director of training for W. A. Alexander & Co., will address the luncheon meeting Oct. 19 of Casualty Underwriters Assn. of Chicago on "Training Underwriting Per-

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decision when he says -

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were no storms during the regular wind season this year and it appears that the number of claims handled will be down.

WIS. LOSSES HEAVY

MILWAUKEE—Property damage in Wisconsin as the result of the high vel-ocity wind, with gusts of 85 to 90 miles

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an hour Monday may run into several million. By Tuesday afternoon surveys of the actual damage were still incomplete, due in part to the large number of wires down and inability of surviv-ing or repaired phone and telegraph lines to handle the large amount of traffic. The wind lashed at power and communica-

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The damage extended into all parts of the state, but was heaviest in the northwest part near the Mississippi river and up to Superior. The storm also smashed northeast and across Upper Michigan, causing widespread damage. While Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin caught some of the tailend of the storm, as did the Fox River valley and the eastern part, the wind was strongest in the Mississippi river valley area across from Minnesota. Telephone officials said Tuesday it might take two days to restore service. Power lines and polies were being restored with less delay. restore service. Power lines and polies were being restored with less delay. In many cities, like Milwaukee, the storm was less severe but blew in many windows, damaged buildings, chimneys and boats in lakes and rivers. Trees blocked many roads and highways throughout the state. The 1949 tobacco crop suffered severe damage as did the large tobacco sheds in the Viroqua and

large tobacco sheds in the Viroqua and other growing areas.

Cities reported to have been heaviest hit included Eau Claire where there may be as many as 10,000 claims; La Crosse, 500 to 1,000; Wausau, Rhinelander, Chippewa Falls, Stevens Point, Merrill, River Falls, Ashland and Superior, among others, with 300 to 500 claims indicated by early reports of claims pouring in.

HEAVY LOSS IN MINN.

ST. PAUL—A corps of adjusters was recruited here this week to handle one of the heaviest windstorm losses in the state's history. Twenty-four hours after the 60 to 100 mile an hour gale subsided no reliable estimate on the property loss could be had as new claims were coming in hourly from all sections of the state. Insurance offices were flooded with claims, mostly for roof damage and broken windows, thousands of the latter masked including many plate glass smashed including many plate glass

Roof damage was heavy. Metal roofs on buildings were ripped off and single and asphalt roofs on homes either torn and asphalt roots on nomes either form off or the shingles curled up so as to be beyond repair. Roofing companies in the Twin Cities were beseiged with calls for repairs.

Much Glass Loss

Glass losses will cost insurance com-panies thousands of dollars. In the Great Northern general office building in St. Paul alone, 100 large plate win-

dow were smashed.

Chimneys and smoke stacks were blown off several buildings. Street signs were damaged. Pleasure boats were Hundreds of farm buildings were flat-tened and the corn crop loss will be enormous, running into millions, one

authority said.

In St. Paul property damage was placed at a milion and may run that in Minneapolis.

It is estimated there are 5,000 wind claims averaging \$100 in Minneapolis. One thousand panes of glass w broken, 250 of them store windows.

#### Accounting Rally for Ill. and Indiana Staffs

A uniform accounting conference for the Illinois and Indiana insurance dethe Illinois and Indiana insurance de-partments and company people was held at Chicago Tuesday. Featured were Thomas Morrill of the New York de-partment, the famed regulation 30 ace, and James Higgins of the New York department, chairman of the N.A.I.C. technical committee on uniform ac-

counting.

About 200 attended, including representatives from 32 Illinois companies, 12 Indiana companies and representatives from insurance departments of 12 states besides Indiana and Illinois. Joseph Watson, chief examiner of the Illinois department, opened the proceedings, Insurance Director Hershey of llinois, gave a welcome and then Mr. Morrill

# tion lines, isolating many small communities. It blew down trees and unroofed F.I.A. Executives Are Elevated

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1923 and became vice-president of the Evarts-Tremaine-Flicker agency in that city, returning to F.I.A. in 1928. In 1933, Mr. Grider became assistant manager at Chicago, associate manager in 1935 and

in 1938, manager.

Mr. Germain joined F.I.A. as an inspector in 1929, advanced to special





agent at Philadelphia and, in 1939, was made field manager for the middle states, in charge of the Philadelphia office. He assumed the position of manager of the New York City field office in 1940, was made assistant manager of the eastern regional office, Hartford, in 1945, and became manager in 1948.

Mr. Redfield was employed by the association in 1937 as an inspector. In 1938 he was called into the home office as a supervisor in the inspection department. From that position he advanced to special agent at New York in 1941 and, in 1946, became manager of the New York field office. agent at Philadelphia and, in 1939, was made field manager for the middle

Weichel Blocks Action

#### on Maritime Measure (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9)

months, undeposited, and when certain determinations were made, "the checks were returned."

"I have heard gossip about that," Ogden admitted. He said nothing is being done now to get an accounting. The government collected \$45½ million on these policies, Ogden testified. The government paid out on policies it issued to private parties and collected premiums; it paid "something over \$90½ million." It paid the underwriters about 2½% interest on the \$45 million, by contract made between underwriters by contract made between underwriters agents and WSA for cargo war risk. Ogden insisted the agents had to do a lot of work.

lot of work.

Weichel said he got the \$150 million figure from the general accounting office, Ogden testified the \$45 million was "outside" that figure.

"Did they get 2½% on the \$150 million they got from the government," asked Weichel. "No," said Ogden.

"The GAO found out they had invested and earned \$18 million interest."

"I never saw the GAO report," said Ogden, although he said GAO representatives had been in and out of his office for months. The commission did not discuss that matter with him. Hownot discuss that matter with him. How-ever, he had heard \$11 million discussed

in 1947.
"Did the insurance companies give

"No." There was "no floor" under the contract with the syndicate and underwriters, who were entitled to 6½% of net premiums and 6½% for expenses. Ogden said. The companies got 6½% of \$50 million of \$50 million.

Hart said there seemed no likelihood of finishing hearings on the war risk bill before adjournment of the session of congress, and there was no use pro-ceeding further. He therefore ordered the hearing adjourned.

Walter H. Field, prominent business man and investor of Modesto, Cal., has been elected a director of Pacific National Fire.



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#### One on Business Interruption

Other courses of study include cas-ualty, inland marine, and special classes on business inferruption insurance for the experienced adjusters. The latter is an advanced course presenting an in-tensive review of the main elements of that line.

The next fire school, which starts Oct. 31, will have insurance company loss men and experts as guest speakers in addition to the faculty. Allan Wikman, assistant director of education and research, who is in charge of the fire school, will be assisted by top men in the bureau as instructors. The other courses scheduled for the year 1949-1950 the bureau as instructors. The other courses scheduled for the year 1949-1950 will also have the benefit of instruction from experts in their field, thus giving the student adjuster the benefit of the experience of the best talent in the adjustment business.

#### Season's Schedule

The casualty and first auto schools have been completed, the second auto school runs Oct. 10-28; business interruption, at Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 24-29; inland marine, Nov. 28-Dec. 16; automobile, Jan. 9-Feb. 17; fire, March 6-31; inland marine, April and automobile,

May. G.A.B.'s May.

G.A.B.'s educational plan extends throughout all five departments. Varied to meet the needs of each territory, the basic plan embraces formal classroom instruction, which in some cases is coupled with practical training. Since each department has an executive charged with carrying out the educational plans, these plans may be adapted to the needs of each territory as required. The success of the system is evidenced by the enthusiasm of the evidenced by the enthusiasm of the managers to whose offices the graduates

managers to whose offices the graduates are assigned.

An added feature of the educational program is the bi-monthly branch office educational meeting. The director of education and research furnishes the agenda and sees to it that the school program is reflected in branch office discussions. Designed to encompass current adjusting problems, the branch rent adjusting problems, the branch office meetings are a valuable adjunct to the bureau's educational program.

#### Zone 4 Officials Pursue Uniform Filing Plan

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commissioners by the Zone 4 department

commissioners by the Zone 4 department men. Accounting changes are designed to give a uniformity in reporting of insurance operations now lacking in the fire and casualty field. This will permit more accurate comparisons, and more effective regulatory and advisory action. Two resolutions relating to life insurance were approved by the commissioners of Zone 4 and will be submitted to N.A.I.C. at its meeting in December. One resolution asks that any proposal of reinsuring all or a substantial part of the business of a life company be submitted for consent and approval of all insurance commissioners in the states in which the company operates. Another resolution disapproved the practice of reinsuring under any agreement which provides for payments from gross premium income, from funds derived by pledging gross premium income, or pledging gross premium income, or

over and above present or future normal

Although this was not officially mentioned, it is obvious that these resolutions were prompted by the means that tions were prompted by the means that were employed to finance the reinsurance of Alliance Life of Chicago by Republic National Life of Dallas, both of which were in the A. & H. as well as life field. The Texas company pledges up to 10% of its premium income to satisfy \$2 million in bank loans that were negotiated by a separate corporation, the loan being payable within a five year period. Republic National has withdrawn its application for license in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska.

#### Department Men on Hand

Attending the meeting in Milwaukee were Commissioners Harris, Minnesota; Forbes, Michigan, who is also president of N.A.I.C.; Hershey of Illinois; Viehmann of Indiana; Alexander of Iowa; Krueger of North Dakota; Mueller of South Dakota, and Lange of Wisconsin, the host commissioner. About 40 department men attended. The group was guest at a dinner by Pabst Brewing Co. one evening, together with local company and agency

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otherwise than from funds which are leaders. The domestic life, fire and casualty insurance companies and fraternal benefit societies tendered the commissioners and their assistants a testimonial banquet at the Hotel Schroeder Friday night, atended by 150. Commissioners Lange, Harris and Forbes spoke briefly. Harold Parsons, assistant Wisconsin attorney general who works with the insurance department, represented the state government at the dinner. The principal speaker was Edward McFaul, Northwestern University, whose inspirational address in a humorous vein was entitled "So You Think You're Slipping." R. M. Vetter, Continental Assurance, Madison, Wis., was toastmaster. The committee on arrangements was headed by C. C. Klocksin, Northwestern Mutual Life. Executives of domestic companies attended the dinner.

Following a final session of the commissioners and their assistants a testimonial banquet at the Hotel Schroeder Ished the 1949 edition of its tory of Mutual Companies in the containing a brief abstract showing the premiums and net losses paid of the secretary or other principal speaker was Edward entire the state government at the dinner.

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# Company Directory Out

American Mutual Alliance has pub-lished the 1949 edition of its "Direc-tory of Mutual Companies in the U. S."

tory of Mutual Companies in the U.S." containing a brief abstract showing the net premiums and net losses paid last year of mutual companies grouped by states and giving the address and name of the secretary or other principal operating officer.

It develops that there were 2,419 mutual fire companies that had net premiums, assessments and fees of \$440,357,242, or an increase of 17.5% and losses paid of \$154,788,942. The loss ratio was 35.4. The total assets were \$847,384,022, increase 12.2%, and surplus was \$434,265,276, increase 8.2%.

There were 200 mutual casualty companies with net premiums of \$758,376,543, increase 17.7%; losses paid \$312,686,913, ratio 41.2%; assets \$1,069,158,927, increase 16.1% and surplus to policyholders \$249,378,897, increase 19.2%.

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Kansas 1752 Club will hold its fall meeting Nov. 18 at Wichita with F. E. Baker of Employers Mutual Casualty, Wichita, in charge.



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# FIELD

#### Holliday Retires, National Names Buesching in Ill.

A. R. Holliday, veteran special agent National Fire in southern Illinois, has retired at his own request on the company's retirement plan, and W. H. Buesching has been promoted to state agent in charge of the southern Illinois territory

Mr. Holliday started as a local agent in Memphis, Mo., and was appointed special agent for National in 1922 and has traveled the southern Illinois field

since then.

Mr. Buesching has been with the western department of the company since 1933. After three years in the coast guard, in 1946 he was appointed northern Illinois special agent. He was transferred to the southern part of the

state last year.

M. L. Schneider will continue as southern Illinois special agent working with Mr. Buesching. Their headquarters will be in the Security building, Spring-

#### Train Speakers on Coast

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speaking. They are prepared to discuss insurance subjects as requested by local agents' associations throughout the ter-

State and local associations make the speaking arrangements with civic or-ganization, service and fraternal clubs and similar groups.

#### Okla. Pond Festivities

OKLAHOMA CITY—Six candidates were initiated into the Oklahoma Blue Goose at a gathering at Twin Hills Country club attended by 80. At the initiation ceremonies there was given recording of a talk by Lloyd S. Wa of lace, last surviving member of t group that founded the Blue Goose.

Preceding the ceremonies a golf tournament was held with Don Shan-non, North British & Mercantile, winnon, North British & Mercantile, winning honors as medalist, and John E. Wilkinson, London & Lancashire, claiming second place. There was a buffet supper. Initiates were William E. Briggs of Eberle & Co.; Guy M. Cooper, Oklahoma Inspection Bureau; Edwin H. Duncan, Springfield F. & M.; Ancel A. Love, Jr., Springfield; Floyd S. Pratt, J. R. Pollard agency.

#### Cope is K. C. Golf Champ

O. J. Cope, Western Adjustment, took first place in the fall golf tournament of the Heart of America pond of Blue Goose at Indian Hills Country Club, Kansas City. Chairman of arrangements was O. P. Rush, Kansas rangements was O. P. Rush, Kansas City F. & M. There were 28 golfers on

#### Christiansen to Aetna

Aetna Fire has appointed Eugene W. Christiansen as special agent in Nebraska. He has traveled in Nebraska for the past several years for another company. He will be associated with State Agent H. W. Lindquist.

# **NEW YORK**

#### ESCOTT APPEAL ADJOURNED

Adjournament was taken until Oct. Adjournament was taken until Oct. 31 for the hearing on the appeals from the decision of New York Fire Insurance Rating Organization to file the Escott rating plan in New York. Counsel for the groups that are pursuing the appeal were given until Oct. 7 to file pleadings. The Escott plan for handling multiple location fire risks was filed with the New York department effective Sept. 1.

#### HOME EMPLOYES HOLD GOLF RALLY

The 59 Maiden Lane Club, employe organization of Home, conducted its annual golf tournament at Echo Lake Country Club, Westfield, N. J. Golf winner was E. J. Larkin of the loss department.

#### FRELINGHUYSEN IN NEW QUARTERS

The J. S. Frelinghuysen brokerage firm of New York has moved to new and larger space at 20 Vesey street. The firm has had offices since 1908 at the corner of William and John streets.

The late Senator J. S. Frelinghuysen

was a member of the original group that Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, Jr., has succeeded his father as president of the

#### DONLON AT BROKERS' DINNER

Miss Mary Donlon, chairman New York Workmen's Compensation Board, will discuss the New York disability benefits law at the General Brokers Assn. dinner, New York City, Oct. 26. will benefits Assn. dinner, New York City, Oct. 201. Judge Albert Conway of the state court of appeals will be toastmaster. The G. B. A. gold medal for distinguished service to insurance will be awarded at the dinner to John C. Stott, past president of N.A.I.A., and N. Y. Assn. of Insurance Agents. Insurance Agents.

# **CHICAGO**

#### SECOND GENERATION

Arthur C. Youngberg, Jr., has joined the Youngberg-Carlson agency of Chicago, of which his father is president. He will be in charge of a public relations and promotion department. For the past four years he has been in the newspaper business at Chicago, first with City News Bureau, more recently with Chicago Daily News in the pro-motion department looking after such projects as the Travel Show and Daily News Regatta. He is a graduate of Northwestern University and served in the navy as a lieutenant j.g.

#### SOMMERS AGENCY MARKS YEAR

Byron Sommers & Co., Chicago metropolitan supervising agency, is celebrating its first year of existence. Mr. Sommers reports that he is successful beyond his expectations at this point. He lays part of his success to following his agency motto, "Service and Facilities Beyond the Contract." The other part Beyond the Contract." The other part of his success he attributes to the coperation of the companies represented by his agency. They are Travelers Fire, Home, Standard of New York, Fire-Home, Standard of New York, Fire-man's Fund Indemnity and Home Indemnity.

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Mr. Sommers opened the agency at Chicago after 25 years in the insurance business. He was for 18 years manager of Ohio Casualty at Chicago and for five years managed the Manufacturers Casualty branch there.

#### FARM EXAMINERS TOURS

Thirty-one members took part in a field trip of Farm Examiners Club of Chicago that consisted of a tour of the Chicago "Tribune" farm near Wheaton, Ill. The group then gathered for a luncheon. The first fall business meeting of the organization will be the evening Oct. 17, at which time new officers will be elected. There will be a showing of

# Radius Endorsement Question Is Won by the Insurer

A commercial radius endorsement providing that the vehicle will be used and operated entirely within a radius of 500 miles of the place where principally garaged absolves the insurer of liability for an accident garaged absolves the insurer of hability for an accident occurring within the 500-mile radius, but while the truck was returning from a trip of 725 miles from the headquarters point, according to Georgia court of appeals in Wallace vs. Virginia Surety.

Grady Russell Wallace, operating as Southern Treesfer & Steepes Course.

Southern Transfer & Storage Co.,

the insured.

The truck had been driven from Atlanta to Miami, a distance of 725 miles. It was near Jasper, Fla., which was within 275 miles of Atlanta, when the accident occurred.

In the second paragraph of the radius In the second paragraph of the radius endorsement, there was the provision that the company shall not be liable for any loss that results from an accident occurring while the car is being operated outside of the radius of 500 miles. The majority opinion in favor of the insurer stated that the agreement on the part of the assured not to drive the automobile beyond the 500-mile radius constituted a promissory warranty which constituted a promissory warranty which when violated by him in sending the car on a trip beyond that radius entitled the insurer to declare the policy for the pur-

poses of that trip in its entirey, void.

The action of the assured constituted a breach of the contract which released the insurer from the obligation to per-form its covenants insofar as that par-

ticular trip was concerned.

There was a dissenting opinion finding that the intent of the two paragraphs in the radius endorsement was to give coverage while the vehicle is being op-

erated within a radius of 500 miles of Atlanta and excluding coverage beyond that radius. The dissenting opinion said that to exclude coverage, the operation beyond the 500-mile limit and the injury must be concurrent. The endorsement cannot be interpreted to mean "while the vehicle was engaged in a trip which would carry it beyond the radius." If that is what the policy meant, it could easily have been made to so state in clear and unmistakable terms. The dissenting opinion expressed the belief that the adding of the second provision ren-dered the first one ambiguous and wen on to remove the ambiguity by explicitly stating the consequence of a violation of the first.

#### Coal Operators Award

Coal Operators Casualty received a merit award of achiement in the Direct Mail Association's best of industry direct mail contest. This was the first year of entry for coal operators.

The winning brochure, "The Keys to Sound Business Building," was prepared in conjunction with the McHenry-Derek Advertising of Greensburg, who entered it in the contest as a Coal Operators project. The brochure gives the details of the direct mail campaign for use of agents in soliciting compensation and various types of liability.

#### C.P.C.U. Reservations Mount

More than 600 reservations already have been made for the all-industry luncheon in Los Angeles Oct. 25 honoring 16 southern California insurance men who have passed C.P.C.U. examinations. J. A. Diemand, president of North America group, will be the speaker. Pacific chapter of C.P.C.U. is represented the huncheon sponsoring the luncheon.

#### Plot Accounting Text

Directors of Insurance Accounting & Statistical Assn. at a meeting at Chicago authorized the creation of a committee to formulate plans and proceed with the collection of the material for an authoritative and up-to-date text on casualty and fire insurance accounting and sta-tistical principles and procedures. A. H. Benson of Lumbermens Mutual is chairman of the committee.

#### Mallory Leaves Eagles

CINCINNATI—James B. Mallory has resigned as manager of the insurance service department of Fraternal Order of Eagles. He has held this post of the control o for four years, starting in Kansas City and going to Cincinnati in 1946, during which time he set up a nation-wide plan of insurance for the local lodges, in which local agents participated. Prior to this connection, Mr. Mallory was in the field for Employers Liabillity and American Automobile in Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

John E. Slator, president of American Export Lines, and Benjamin Strong, president of U. S. Trust Co. of New York, have been elected to the boards of Atlantic Mutual and Centennial.

Charles H. Trame, manager of the Kentucky Inspection Bureau, Covington, and Mrs. Trame will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 16 at Mother of God Church in that city, where they were married. A son, the Rev. E. J. Trame, S.J., Regis College, Denver, will be celebrant at the mass. Mr. Trame has been with the Inspection Bureau 55 years. Both he and Mrs. Trame are 86. Trame are 86.

Ernest W. Brown, manager Associated Reciprocal Exchanges, is discussing reciprocal coverage at the Savings Banks Insurance Forum, New York City, Thursday.

William R. Nielson, supervising li-cense investigator in the Los Angeles office of the California department, has resigned to join California School of Insurance.

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#### Ala. Agents Elect Thomas; Honor Gandy, Morgan

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gomery, chairman of executive committee; Joseph A. Duckworth of Duckworth-Morris Agency, Tuscaloosa, national di-rector; and Millard R. McGruder of Birmingham, secretary.

#### Johnson Is Speaker

The new executive committee is composed of the officers and George H. Butler of Anniston, H. L. Campbell of Andalusia and John S. Scott of Hunts-

ville.

The principal speaker was O. Shaw Johnson, Clarksdale, Miss., president of the national association.

R. G. Bachman, Atlanta, general manager of the southeastern division of General Adjustment Bureau, spoke on



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the part played by the adjuster in the maintenance of favorable public relations and cementing good will towards the insurance business.

the insurance business.
District directors are W. A. Glass,
Linden; Jack L. Ussery, Dothan; John
M. Ashley, Montgomery; C. W. Hooper,
Selma; Wm. C. Shackelford, Birmingham; Jack W. Jones, Gadsden; Kermit
Jones, Jasper, and John S. Scott, Huntsville.

#### Honor Chas. Gandy

Joseph A. Duckworth, on behalf the association, paid a special tribute to Charles L. Gandy, Birmingham, for his more than 30 years of service in agency association work. A specially engrossed certificate of appreciation was presented to Mr. Gandy.

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Neal Morgan, Heflin, who completed two terms as president, was praised for his services and was presented a watch by Wilbur K. Allen, Birmingham.

The Montgomery delegation invited the association to hold the 1950 convention in that city.

Two very successful and valuable educational forums were conducted. The

Two very successful and valuable educational forums were conducted. The first was on casualty subjects. The moderator was John L. Ebaugh, Jr., Birmingham. On the panel were William DeMouy, Mobile; W. O. Thomas, Birmingham; Parks Huntt, Atlanta; and Alan Williams, Birmingham.

The other forum was on fire and alied lines with Wilbur K. Allen as moderator. The panel was Joe B. Chapman, Birmingham; James B. Morgan, Birmingham; Ed C. McGarity, Birmingham; and Charles Simons, Atlanta.

The Insurance Women of Birmingham sponsored an elaborate luncheon and fashion show for the visiting ladies.

#### N. Y. Blue Goose Meets

About 100 attended the first fall meeting of the New York City Blue Goose. George P. Albeiz, Pearl, m. 1. g., and Jack Quisenberry, Johnson & Hig-

gins, past m.l.g., reported on the grand H. A. Reardon Reelected

to membership.

#### Advance Howe in Canada

George E. Howe has been appointed assistant manager of Great American in Canada. Formerly he was superintendent of agencies for Ontario.

mest meeting.

Paul M. Fell, Middle Department Assn. of Fire Underwriters, grand custodian, and J. R. Knowlan, Philadelphia, told of plans for the 1951 grand nest in that city. Mr. Knowlan is general chairman and William Murphy, General Adjustment Bureau, Newark, heads the committee for the New York City pond, which will be co-host.

P. M. Winchester, General Adjustment Bureau, past m.l.g., presented Mr. Quisenberry with his past m.l.g. emblem. The pond will hold a dinner dance early in 1950, R. F. Stumpf, G.A.B., guardian, reported. M. C. W. Buchenberger, Underwriters Salvage, said the pond members now carry \$163,000 of group life.

S. J. Brown, Providence Washington, and Henry Grabe, Boston, were elected to membership. uty Commissioner E. S. Cogswell spoke briefly. Despite a heavy program of business, the meeting and luncheon were run off smoothly and Mr. Reardon met with everyone's approval by adjourning promptly at 3:30 p.m.

Dean Sutcliffe spoke on "Something for Nothing," attacking the general tendency of everyone to lean on the government for support. While assailing pressure groups such as organized labor, farmers, etc., he did not spare business executives and independent business men, telling them that they were as executives and independent business men, telling them that they were as much to blame for the present trend toward socialization as anyone else and in most cases with less excuse. He said American management has gotten soft and inefficient during the war and will have to solve present problems by hard work and efficiency, rather than by running to the government for protection by tariffs and the like. He urged his audience to back the report of the Hoover committee to the limit.

Mr. O'Connor reviewed the trends in the insurance business and urged his audience to pay attention to public de-mand and ride with social and economic tides, instead of losing out by blind

tides, instead of losing out by blind opposition.

Mr. Cogswell reported on the present licensing situation in Massachusetts, praising the brokers and other organized producers for their cooperation both in securing proper legislation and enforcement. He said the situation has improved immensely during the past few years. At present, only about 70% of the applicants for brokers licenses qualify to take the examination and about half of those taking the examination pass.

#### **Texas Steering Group Meets**

The Texas advisory committee, which consists of 21 members, representing fire companies doing business in that state, will meet in New York City Oct. 17-19. Chairman is G. S. Yeargan, president of Trinity Universal.

Wednesday afternoon there will be a general meeting of the membership, which consists of practically all companies doing business in Texas.

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# **EDITORIAL COMMENT**

# Formal Schooling Integrated

on formalized, class room type of training in fire and casualty insurance since the war has been a great forward step in sharpening the knowledge of a large corps of workers and accelerating the progress of young men who lacked the exposure to an insurance environment that they would otherwise have gotten had they not been in military service. These endeavors should not be allowed to evaporate as the war-borne personnel vacuum becomes filled. Insurance has become so complicated that there is need for formal instruction up and down the line, elementary and advanced, and not excluding the top executives, to supplement the knowledge that can be gained at a single desk. The school room should continue to have a fixed place in large insurance organizations and on a cooperative basis for the benefit of others.

However, a word of caution is in order for the student and for those that are maintaining these educational facilities. There needs to be an understanding of what can be expected from this type of training and at the same time what its limitations are. We have heard newcomers in insurance complain that there is no book that they can go to that buttons up the insurance business neatly for them, so that they might read and know it, as they might study a mathematics text and master the subject. Perhaps a great deal more could he done than has been done in organizing the whole insurance field into a text, but the kind of definite, embracive treatment that the scholarly mind yearns for is not possible to provide for the insurance business in its ever changing aspects. It might be possible to stop action with a picture of insur- dent and will languish.

The emphasis that has been placed ance today but by tomorrow the picture would be dated and the one who had mastered yesterday's situation would be behind the times. The class room student of insurance should never be satisfied with what he absorbs there. If he thinks that by completing a course his education is completed he is lost. The man who gets ahead will be the one that treats the whole insurance world and everything that impinges on it as a class room and every insurance man that he has access to as an instructor. He will be an everlasting question mark. He will store up inquiries and look for men with the answers. He will have an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. He will recognize the class room or an organized study program as an excellent place to get many answers in concentrated fashion but he will realize that this is only one of a great number of places where answers are available.

Those maintaining the educational facilities, too, must realize that an organized, systematic plan of instruction will not alone guarantee a supply of adequately trained personnel. The students must be impressed with the fact that this is simply one means of gaining a glimpse of the insurance scene, that no amount of spoon fed schooling can give a man proficiency, that for the most part a man must rely on self training to forge ahead and make a place for himself.

The success in the long run of a training program will depend to a large extent on how it is integrated into the whole scheme of an insurance operation and if too much is expected of it as an isolated feature, then it will prove disillusioning to both sponsor and stu-

# Where the Special Agent Should Come In

ualty companies can be of great servjust what is the best service and how tomers in rather an intimate way. it should be rendered. There may be menting very much a special agent that uncommonly and extraordinarily helpsolicited business for him while he was

The special agents of fire and cas- titude of the field man. It weakened the agent. The agent allowed another perice to local agents. They should realize son to come between him and his cus-

The agent should always be supreme too much service. A local agent wrote in the minds of his insurance buyers. to his company the other day compli- A special agent is more expert and should come to the agency as an assisthad visited him. He said that he was ant. He represents the company and wants the agent to get a correct viewful. He said that he went out and point. The agent should usually accompany the field man in his solicitation attending to other lines of work and of risks. He should study the field would bring in the applications. That man's methods and the field man should in our opinion showed the wrong at- be his teacher and not his solicitor.

Local agents should soon learn to rely but the local agent should accompany new or complicated problem arises when Then he should be called into action.

on their own ability, ingenuity and him to the customer's office, listen to knowledge. There come times when a what he says and how he says it, to prepare himself for similar encounters a special agent is particularly needed. in the future. A local agent should never submerge himself or his position.

# PERSONAL SIDE OF THE BUSINESS

Herbert J. Lorber, head of the Rollins, Burdick, Hunter Co. agency of Chicago, is spearheading a dinner to be held at Chicago Nov. 30, sponsored by the Chicago citizens committee of Transportation Assn. of America. It is designated as a "Freedon dinner" and Mr. Lorber explained that at this time there will be launched an effort to emphasize the be launched an effort to emphasize the perils involved in trends toward greater government control of individual lives. He said the movement embraces all citizens in any walk of life that are ready to battle for the preservation of freedoms which the citizenry has been inclined to take for granted. The dinner guests will include many leaders in business educational part of the folds. in business, educational and other fields.

Charles T. Fritz, president of the Hardt agency of South Haven, Mich., was host to 44 company executives, field men and adjusters at golf and a buffet supper at Glenn Shores Country to celebrate his 25th anniversary the agency. The dinner remarks in with the agency. The dinner remarks in appreciation of Mr. Fritz were made by J. A. Cairns, Kalamazoo manager of Underwriters Adjusting. Mr. Fritz presented each guest with a silver bound ash tray inscribed for the anniversary.

B. B. Livergood, assistant supervisor the policy examination division of Illinois department, is confined to Macon county hospital at Decatur following a heart attack. His home is at Decatur.

R. J. Masmichael, assistant manager of Norwich Union at the head office, stopped a couple of days in New York City to visit U. S. Manager P. Smith enroute from London to the West In-

John Birkle, secretary of the United Kingdom branch of Zurich, with head-quarters at London, is visiting the quarters at London, is visiting the United States branch at Chicago for a couple of weeks.

# DEATHS

Adolph Holub, 77, for 38 years a local agent at Wausau, Wis., died there after an illness of six weeks. His son, Marvin, and a daughter, Della, are associated with the agency. Another son, A. R. Holub, operates his own agency.

William H. Williams, an auditor for Fidelity & Casualty for 42 years in the Michigan territory, died suddenly of a heart attack.

Fred W. Parsons, 81, retired general agent of Massachusetts Protective, died at Richmond, Va. He had been living in Richmond about 22 years.

N. A. Dumas, assistant secretary of National Council on Compensation In-surance, died unexpectedly. He had been with National Council since 1924.

He had been placed in direct charge of the newly organized interstate rating department. He was an expert on interpretations and application of the manual and all forms of rating connected with compensation.

Mr. Dumas was an expert on interpretations and the application of the manual and all forms of rating con-nected with workmen's compensation insurance, and at the time of his death he was in direct charge of the newly organized interstate rating department.

Charles W. Carroll, 61, president of the Rochester, N. Y., adjusting office bearing his name, died there. Mr. Car-roll formed the company in 1937 when he went to Rochester from the midwest,

McAllen B. Farriss, for many years an examiner for the Mississippi department, died recently.

Mrs. Ida Chapman Faber, mother of National Union Fire, died at a convalescent home at Barrington, Ill., at the age of 83. Her late husband, Samuel Faber, for many years was Indiana state agent of Fire Association and was a very prominent figure in his and was a very prominent figure in his day. Her sister was married to E. C. Irvin, who was for many years president of Fire Association. Irvin Faber was a Fire Association man until he was a Fire Association may went with National Union.

Paul N. Lachmund, 39, auditor at Madison, Wis., for Employers Mutual Liability, died after a brief illness. He had been with the company since 1934.

Reginald M. Banbury, 44, vice-president Calvert Fire, died suddenly. He had been with the Commercial Credit Co. and Calvert Fire, a subsidiary, since 1929.

Mrs. Ralph Oellers, wife of the vicepresident of the Meserole companies, died unexpectedly at her home at

Arthur Pinckney, 79, Charleston, S. C., local agent, died there. He and his brother, Robert H. Pickney, organized the firm of Pinckney Bros., now one of the oldest agencies in Charleston.

John L. Butler, 37, vice-president of the C. H. Crowe agency at East Stroudsburg, Pa., died suddenly following a heart attack. He was at his desk when struck down. He had returned the day before from a visit to the New York insurance district.

A. J. Halprin, 57, a practicing attorney in New York City who was chief trial counsel of the New York insurance superintendent, 1933-1938, died at New York City. In the time he served the insurance department he was liquidator and rehabilitator of insulvent insurers. and rehabilitator of insolvent insurers.

John A. Manning, 66, retired manager at Hartford of National Surety, died in Brooklyn. He was with the company from 1939 till he retired in 1948. He entered the home office to take

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over development of license and permit bonds. He was considered an authority on this type of bond and is the author of two manuals, one on customs bonds and the other on internal revenue bonds, both published in 1940. Mr. Manning had been in the surety business in New York for many years and was well known in the insurance district.

George B. Crane of Findlay, O., 85, retired state agent of Twin City Fire and a former local agent at Findlay, died ther. He had been in failing health for the past six months.

Cecil A. Robertson, 51, manager for Hartford Livestock at South St. Paul, is dead. He was also executive vice-president of Drovers Exchange State Bank and a director of St. Paul Union Stockyards Co.

A. J. Edwards, resident manager at Indianapolis and Detroit for The NATIONAL UNDERWRITER, is bereaved by the death of his wife Leona E. Edwards at the age of 57. She was operated on 17 months ago and never fully recov-

# Prevention Week Great Success

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groups. He emphasized that there is still much work to be done. National Fire Protection Assn. in its bulletin remarks that interest in the observance this year has been the most intensive in years. Newspapers and feaintensive in years. Newspapers and reature services have been generous in scheduling advance features, and radio networks and individual stations have been putting on spot announcements. The American Tobacco Co. has scheduled announcements on national radio programs during the entire month.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce reports that it expects an increase in the number of cities promoting prevention.

number of cities promoting prevention activities. Last year 2,100 chambers participated in the program.

#### FULL CHICAGO SCHEDULE

A variety of special events is being conducted in Chicago in connection with Fire Prevention Week. Through the week there was a fire show conducted in the Commonwealth Edison building, an exhibit was opened on Monday in the Museum of Science & Industry showing an old-time fire station, there

was a fire parade on Wednesday fol-lowed by a mass meeting at which Mayor Kennelly presented medals to Chicago fire and police heroes of 1948. The fire department exhibited and demonstrated its new apparatus.

#### Elmer Reske Chairman

Co-sponsors of the events were the Chicago Assn. of Commerce & Industry, Cook County Inspection Bureau and the Chicago Fire Department. Four shows a day were given at the fire demonstration and the atendance is expected to reach 20,000 by Saturday. There are exhibits of fire appliances, fire instruments in operation, moving pictures and demonstrations of common fire hazards. The Chicago Fire Insurance Patrol took a hand in this activity as did American District Telegraph Co. Elmer F. Reske, manager of Cook County Inspection Bureau, is chairman of the Chicago Assn. of Commerce Fire Prevention Committee, which is coordinating the activities in the city.

Marsh & McLennan is sponsoring the exhibit of ancient fire equipment at the Chicago Museum of Science & Industry. There is a collection of restored typical pieces of equipment ranging from the hand-drawn, hand-operated pumper to a three-horse hitch steam pumper. During Fire Prevention Week,

pumper to a three-horse hitch steam pumper. During Fire Prevention Week, the Chicago Fire Department displayed its latest pumper and hook-and-ladder equipment in the front of the museum. Fire prevention "shorts" are being shown in all the theaters and National Board posters are being used on all the buses and other equipment of public transportation.

#### Record Nashville Observance

One of the most intensive fire prevention weeks in history is being ob-served in Nashville. The highlight was a 2½ mile long parade with floats competing for more than \$1,000 in prizes. Addresses were made by Governor Browning of Tennessee, Mayor Cummings of Nashville, and James H. Hines, southern department manager of Crum & Forster, who was representing the National Board. Fire Prevention Week in Seattle was who was representing the

frie Frevention week in Seattle was featured by trailers at motion picture theaters and donated outdoor advertis-ing. Fire prevention messages on the billboards carried the name of King County Assn. of Insurance Agents. School children distributed home inspection blanks and the Junior Red Cross

sent blanks to its members and pro-vided speakers for civic and community

All the leading fire prevention experts took to the stump. Richard E. Vernor, manager of the fire prevention department of Western Actuarial Bureau, during the week gave talks at Wausau, Wis, Hammond, Ind., and Louisville Kv.

Louisville, Ky. Harold N. Swift, assistant district en Harold N. Swift, assistant district engineer of the Pacific Board, had a full week slated. He began with a talk before the Five Cities Insurance Assn. consisting of agents from Artesia, Bellower, Downey, Norwalk and Paramount, and also before the Hollywood Agents Assn. and the Burbank, Cal., junior high school.

#### Ahern Talks at Peoria

Professor John J. Ahern, chairman of the fire protection and safety engineering department of Illinois Institute of Technology, addressed the Peoria chamber of commerce and pointed out that the purpose of the observance is to arouse public recognition of the fact that if fires are to be prevented every individual must take an active part. The only natural cause of fire is lightning, he said. All other fires can be pre-

The Coleman & Co. agency, San Antonio, received recognition for 25 years representation of Great American. Fred Crawford, San Antonio special agent, presented sterling silver pitchers to the three members of the firm, F. M. Coleman, L. B. Joyce and Gus Hall. All have been active in the agency through the 25 years. the 25 years.

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# Cal. Regulations Issued for UCD **Hospital Cover**

#### New Feature Treated as Additional Benefit, Not Expense Indemnity

Regulations concerning the amendment liberalizing the California UCD law have now been promulgated by the state department of employment. The effect of the amendment is changed by the regulations from what it was popularly thought to consist of. The general opinion was that it was a hospital expense indemnity benefit of \$8 a day for 12 days, but the regulations make clear that this is an additional benefit that is payable if the person otherwise entitled to UCD benefits, is also confined to an institution meeting the definition of a hospital under the new regulations. Thus the employe can recover even though he is receiving free hospitalization service. The regulations make clear that such things as the ordinary rest homes will

#### not constitute hospitals. Definition of Hospital

A hospital within California is defined to mean institutions licensed by the department of public health as small general hospital, large general hospital, maternity hospital or tuberculosis hospital or sanitorium; those institutions ated as hospitals but exempt from li-censing by the department of public under the provisions of sections 1415 (a) and 1415 (b) (these including the hospital of University of California, state and federally operated hospitals. including VA) of the health and safety code, and those institutions operated as mental hospitals, licensed by the depart-ment of mental hygiene which are pri-marily intended for, staffed and equipped to provide for the reception, care, diagnosis, and treatment of acute mental and nervous diseases. Outside of California hospitals are defined as those informia nospitals are defined as those in-stitutions licensed as a hospital pursuant to the statutes of the state or operated pursuant to law with organized facilities for diagnosis and surgery and 24-hour

nursing service.

The definition apparently excludes certain institutions regarded as hospitals by osteopaths and chiropractors, particu-larly in southern California. Also it larly in southern California. Also it apparently excludes hospitals conducted by certain religious denominations for the care of the sick and depending primarily or perhaps solely upon prayer and spiritual means for healing.

#### Hospital Facilities Reviewed

At present there are in the state 243 small general hospitals, that is those having fewer than 100 beds, 57 general hospitals with more than 100 beds, 74 county hospitals, 24 maternity hospitals, nine tuberculosis hospitals, two specialized hospitals. In addition, veterans administration, U. S. department of public ministration, U. S. department of public health, army and navy maintain certain hospitals. There are a few hospitals already erected or existing under the relatively new district hospital act. It is expected that there may be many more district hospitals established within the next few years. These are to be distinguished from the usual county hospital.

The regulations clearly mean that only (CONTINUED ON PAGE 35)

#### A. & H. Underwriters Square Up to Older Risk Problems in Forum

The pressures which America's rap-ly growing old-age population are placing on insurance companies were re-flected at the underwriting forum during the annual meeting of the Bureau of A. & H. Underwriters. John F. Lydon, Ocean Accident, in the lead-off role in the discussion of accident insurance only as applied to older risks, opined that far too few companies are writing these risks today and many of the larger companies who could best afford to service over-age business are not doing

Older age underwriting and other discussions were kept scudding by the skillful and time-conscious officiating of Merle J. Thompson, Standard Accident, who was chairman of the forum. As he put it, the older age question had been drawn up to find out "what has been done for the forgotten man over 70." done for the forgotten man over 70."

Mr. Lydon reported considerable difficulty in finding enough companies writing older siks that kept statistics on this business to find much of a mean between them. According to his report, there are several companies which establish no age barriers on applicants and treat each situation individually the age. treat each situation individually, the age factor just being one of many underwriting determinants. Apparently a good proportion of the companies which write older age business reduce the commissions on this business. There are others which increase the premium with the commission figured as a percentage of the increased premium rather than basic premium for a normal aged

E. Kipp, Indemnity of North America, the new chairman of the gov-erning committee, testified that the experience of his company has been highly perience of his company has been highly satisfactory on older appllicants. He reported that some policyholders are more than 85 years old. He added that his company writes older ages only for agents who give them the rest of the casualty business. This is apparently a normal procedure among companies which establish no age limits. Once these risks are put on, they seem to be these risks are put on, they seem to be generally underwritten in the regular

#### Senator Hits Tender Spot

At this point, E. H. O'Connor, managing director of the Insurance Economics Society, rose to underscore the importance of consideration of older risks by saying that when he had appeared in Washington before the Senate subcommittee on health, one of the sen-ators embarrassed him by saying, "Mr. O'Connor, I carried an accident policy for a number of years on which I filed no claims and yet, when I reached acertain age, it was cancelled. I do not think this is fair." Mr. Lydon comcertain age, it was cancelled. I do not think this is fair." Mr. Lydon com-mented that it is a very bad mistake to cancel a good risk of many years' stand-ing simply because the man has reached some arbitrary age limit. He indicated that in the case of older risks, too much emphasis is put upon profit, saying that these oldsters should be carried for public relations and social reasons wherever possible whether they bring a profit

to the company or not.

It was developed that the majority of those present writing at the older ages interject the provision that the retired and unemployed oldster must be conand unemployed oldster must be con-fined to his house and thus approximate total disability if he is to receive a weekly indemnity.

The emphasis on and interest in situ-

The emphasis on and interest in situations brought about in compulsory disability states that had been exhibited earlier in the meeting at the Moraine hotel in Highland Park, Ill., was continued in the forum. Much appreciated were comments on the business building opportunities for individual and group A. 8. H. sales provided by compulsory. A. & H. sales provided by compulsory

disability laws delivered by Alfred B. Hvale, Continental Casualty.

Mr. Hvale said that the compulsory disability laws have done a great deal of seed sowing, educating many to the need for disability insurance without furnishing them adequate amounts of this coverage. He maintained that production by companies, both of group and individual accident and health coverages should be greater in those states erages should be greater in those states where compulsory disability has been established. He commented that this has not necessarily been the case and is indicative that many of the agents and companies are not alert to the oppor-tunities provided in this direction.

A particular interest was shown by those at the forum in Mr. Hvale's preshown by disability plans which limit payments to 13 or 26 weeks. In these cases, he said that the natural supplementary private cover is that which pays very little for the first 13 or 26 weeks and then pays adequate amounts during the following weeks. He was asked by F. L. Templeman of Maryland Casualty, if this meant that he was advocating the franchism. chise cover with a 13 or 26 waiting period. Mr. Hvale answered that he couldn't see why this wasn't desirable, though he admitted that there was too little experience on this business yet to see how it would work out. He envisioned a small supplementary payment to the compulsory cover during the 13 or 26 week period so that this cover would not, in formal terms, contain a 26-week waiting period.

#### Individual Sales Prospects

Mr. Hvale said the opportunities for sale of individual coverage to men covered by compulsory disability laws is very good and presents no special prob-lem of coverage or any complex merlem of coverage or any complex mer-chandising approach.

Those present expressed some considerable difference of opinion over whether death benefits are desirable and what limits are to be placed on them. The official sparkplug of this section, Mr. Kipp, saw merit in allowing death benefits. There were others present who, without rising to detail their cases, created the impression that they feel the death benefit should be the province of life insurance and that accident and sickness benefits, strictly speaking, should be the preoccupation of the industry. One man rose to ask how Lloy of London is able to write jumbo A. & H. risks. There was no Lloyds man present, but there seemed general agreement that wide spread of risks enables them to take flyers at this kind of business. Here several of the underwriters reaffirmed the necessity of caution in writing a risk where it is suspected that the man has considerable other insurance.

Mr. Templeman carried out his role as a whip of the section on revised standard provisions with a masterful summary of just what these mean inso-far as establishing a 31-day grace period, two and three year incontestable clauses and the right of the insured to cancel. A question which was posed was how to interpret the 31-day grace period where the company decides to terminate where the company decides to terminate the policy at renewal. Mr. Templeman answered that before expiration a notice must be sent to the policyholder specifically invalidating the 31-day grace period. It was brought out that this whole procedure and, indeed, the 31-day period, are examples of life insurance influence on the A. & H. business. There was considerable testimony to the effect that in New York and where brokerage business is important, considerably more time than 31 days must siderably more time than 31 days must be allowed the broker as a grace period as a practical matter. This is especially

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# **New York TDB Law** Big Topic at A.&H. **Bureau Meeting**

W. E. Kipp Heads Governing Committee Succeeding Logan Bidle

By FRANK A. POST

Discussions of problems involved in writing business under the New York cash sickness law dominated the annual meeting this week at Highland Park, Ill., of Bureau of A. & H. Underwriters. One of the major addresses at the opening session was on that subject, by T. Y. Beams, vice-president of Eagle-Globe-Royal Indemnity. It also was taken up in the addresses at that session by Logan Bidle, Aetna Life, chairman of the governing com-Life, chairman of the governing com-mittee, and Berkeley Cox, vice-presi-dent of Aetna Life, and the entire afternoon session the first day was de-voted to a round table discussion of that topic.

#### Life and Casualty Viewpoints

One of the biggest problems involved is that of reconciling the varying view-





oints of life companies, which the business to be written under the New York law as group coverage, and the casualty companies, which consider it as an extension of workmen's com-pensation. There is much in the law itself to sustain both viewpoints. Its administration is in the hands of the workmen's compensation board but the provisions of the group law are made applicable to it. Both elements are applicable to it. Both elements are making every effort to bring about a harmonious setup. That result undoubtedly will be accomplished but there are still many points to be marked

W. E. Kipp, Indemnity of North America, was named as the new chairman of the bureau governing committee to succeed Mr. Bidle, who has served

to succeed Mr. Bidle, who has served two years in that post. Mr. Kipp started in the A. & H. department of Metropolitan Casualty in 1909.

He joined Indemnity of North America in 1920, the year the company was founded, as assistant superintendent of its A. & H. department. For the last two years, Mr. Kipp, has been chairtwo years, Mr. Kipp has been chair-man of the bureau's underwriting comman of the bureau's underwriting committee. As a member of the legislative and regulatory committee he has aided in the development of the revised standard provisions law. He was named assistant secretary in 1921.

Mr Beams went through the provisions of the New York law, stressing the feet that the other extractions.

ing the fact that, unlike the other states where the cash benefit law is linked to unemployment compensation, it is (CONTINUED ON PAGE 33)

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# SS Bill Wins in House but Senate **Action Unlikely**

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WASHINGTON-The House passed the social security bill by a vote of 333 to 14, with Rep. Rankin, Mississippi, voting "present," after having defeated a minority substitute offered by Rep. Mason, Illinois, by 113 to 232.

The bill now goes to the Senate, where Senator George, finance committee chairman, says nothing will be done with it at this session of Congress.

#### Boost OASI Benefits 70%

Among other things, the House bill rovides for an average increase of 70% Among other things, the House bill provides for an average increase of 70% in OASI benefits to present beneficiaries; a new category of total and permanent disability coverage, regardless of age; a wage credit to world war II veterans of \$160 per month under OASI, for time spent in military service; an increment of .5% for each year of an individual's OASI coverage.

It also extends the OASI system to about 11 million persons not now covered.

# Pa. Accounting Hearing Draws 60

HARRISBURG-More than 60 insurance company executives and account-ants attended the Pennsylvania department's hearing Tuesday for review of new regulations setting up uniform ac-

counting.

At the suggestion of a number of officials, Commissioner Malone agreed to permit the companies to use the new accounting methods starting Jan. 1, although legally they do not go into effect until May 1, 1950.

Mr. Malone told the company repre-

sentatives the new regulation conforms to the recommendation by the uniform accounting committee of National Assn.

Insurance Commissioners. After opening of the hearing by John A. Skelton, general counsel for the de-partment, Charles S. Lazarus, chief of

the department's division of companies, reviewed the new regulations.

Joseph Magrath of Chubb & Sons, representing National Board and the industry committee on uniform accounturged Mr. Malone to adopt the regulations.

# Mass. Bonding Writes Television Replacement Form

Massachusetts Bonding has secured of Independents approval from the New York department of a television parts and tubes rement of a television parts and tubes re-placement policy, and is writing the business for RCA Television Service Co. For the time being the policy will be written only in New York, where a recent opinion of the attorney general held that the parts replacement portion of the activice contracts being used by of the service contracts being used by television service companies is insur-ance and could not be written except licensed insurers.

by licensed insurers.

RCA, which owns its own service company, and Massachusetts Bonding worked out the coverage, evidence of which is carried on the television set owner's service contract. A. E. Spottke, vice-president of Massachusetts Bonding at New York, stated that the policy would be written for other companies that provide television service and replacement contracts, whether operated by the manufacturer or independently.

#### Adaptation of B. & M. Policy

The policy is written under the boiler and machinery section of the New York insurance law and is an adaptation of the B. & M. policy with the addition of an endorsement. It insures the performance of the service company's tract to the extent of parts and tubes replacement. The attorney general's ruling was handed down, it is said, after some service companies, having collected the contract fee, which is substantial, went out of business and were not around to fulfill the contract's terms.

The risks will be A rated. The rate is so much per service contract, run-ning from \$1 down, depending on the number of contracts and the management and character of the service com-

The service company would ordinarily replace the parts and tubes rather than reporting the loss, since the insurer would generally use the service company to make the replacements. The coverage also provides that on losses reported to the insurer, the service company is charged the loss cost plus a pany is charged the loss cost plus a conversion factor. The service company, acting as a trustee for insured, arranges to set up a trust account in which are deposited the contract amounts, with insurer acting as joint trustee. trustee.

By writing the coverage in this way the cost per contract will be nominal and is not expected to add to the tele-vision user's service contract price.

#### Discuss Group Retentions at N. Y. Dept. Hearing

At the hearing of the New York department on group retentions several suggestions were heard for inclusion in a proposed ruling affecting guarantees a proposed ruling affecting guarantees to group policyholders. There have been differences between life and accident and health companies as to how so-called guarantees under the policies should be regulated. The differences arise from the life company practice of returning dividends at the end of the year after claims and costs have been met while the A. & H. companies have used a retrospective rating plan. have used a retrospective rating plan. The rule will require that policyholders The rule will require that policyholders be informed that dividends or experience rating refunds are not guaranteed and that they are fully subject to change by the insurers.

The subject is quite complex and the department may take a month or more before insuring a willing.

before issuing a ruling.

Howard Snyder of the Smith-Stone-nyder agency of Wichita was called to his home at Ironwood, Mich., by the death of his brother there.

CHICAGO NOV. 3-4

# Strong Program for Convention

Except for a luncheon speaker of national renown yet to be announced the program has been completed for the convention of National Assn. of Independent Insurers at the Edgewater Beach hotel, Chicago, Nov. 3-4 with John Carton of Wolverine shining as president and Vestal Lemmon of Chicago as manager.

cago as manager.
Speakers include David Forbes of Michigan, president of National Assn. of Insurance Commissioners; Thomas Morrill, New York deputy superintendent who will talk on the limitation of figures; John Stuart of Employers Casualty of Texas and president of Insurance Accounting & Statistical Assn., on uniform accounting; Harold O. Molitor, production manager of dishonesty department of Continental Casualty, on comprehensive crime and dishonesty partment of Continental Casualty, on comprehensive crime and dishonesty protection; Thomas White, assistant counsel of Employers Liability, on the compulsory auto insurance law of Massachusetts; Henry Moser of the Chicago law firm of Sonnenschen, Berkson, Lautmann, Levinson & Morse, author the Moser amendment, former chairman of the insurance section of American Ray Assa, founder and first president or the insurance section of American Bar Assn., founder and first president of N.A.I.I. and general counsel of All-state, on the socialistic insurance ex-periments in Saskatchewan of which periments in Saskatchewan of which he made a personally conducted tour this past summer; Insurance Director Hershey of Illinois who will extend greeetings; J. W. Hughes, executive vice-president of Farmers Auto Inter-Insurance Exchange of Los Angeles, who will discuss rate regulation viewed from California.

There will be a free and open discussions.

There will be a free and open discussion of the matter of handling small auto third party claims in the light of legislative investigations, particularly in

#### Meyers Leaves State Post to Be V.-P. of Beneficial

LOS ANGELES—Ray M. Meyers will join Beneficial Standard Life and Beneficial Fire & Casualty as vice-president and comptroller of the two companies Nov. 15, following his resignation as supervising examiner of the California department.

Donald R. Luckman, former deputy commissioner and assistant to the chief of the compliance and legal section of the department, recently joined the companies as vice-president and general counsel.

Beneficial Fire & Casualty is a new stock company with an application for certification now before the department for authority to write fire and allied lines, automobile insurance and general and miscellaneous liability lines.

Mr. Meyers has for 29 years been engaged in examining, rate supervising and actuarial work in both the California and Minnesota departments.

#### Wichita Assn. Opens Season

Wichita Casualty & Surety Assn. wichita Casualty & Surety Assn.
opened the year with a stag-buffet at
the home of Chairman Homer Minnich
of Central Surety. Senator Kahrs of
Wichita was a guest and spoke on
"Recent Automobile Liability Decisions. Hughes Cunningham of Sheffer-Cunningham, adjusters, was program

#### Open Hartford Season

Hartford Assn. of A. & H. Underwriters held its first fall meeting Oct.

3. A report was given on the national convention at Cleveland. George J. Richards, Monarch Life, chairman of the executive board, presided.

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#### 100 AGENTS ARE TREATED

# Continental Casualty Stages Dishonesty Cover Sales Rally

About 100 agents of Continental Casualty who are the leaders in producing dishonesty insurance business spent two days at the home office in Chicago last week for an intensive sales conference. The meeting was conducted by the dishonesty department, which em-braces all crime coverages including fidelity bonds and burglary

Besides receiving a multitude of sales tips and sales aids, the agents were given some valuable pointers by outstanding speakers on how they might aid their prospects in preventing crime. The basis of the program was the book-

let, "Crime Loss Prevention," that Continental Casualty got out about a year ago. The booklet describes a number of the common methods used by employes in abstracting money or merchandise and is designed to assist the agent in making a favorable contact with his making a prospects.

This was the first such meeting that Continental has put on, Those attending were made initial members of the "Dishonesty Insurance Drivers Club" and future gatherings are expected to draw an attendance up to 500. Robert E. Vollreide, assistant secre-

tary, and head of the dishonesty department, together with Harold O. Molitor, department production manager, moderated the meeting. Mr. Molitor acted as chairman for the sessions.

After receiving greetings the first day from Vice-presidents Norman Hoag and George A. Smith, the group was immediately bombarded with sales equipimmediately bombarded with sales equipment and new selling ideas. Speakers in the afternoon were W. J. Seiler, manager of the burglary department; Paul Matthews, claim supervisor; George Risler, manager of the fidelity department and Walter C. Crow, supervisor of the fidelity and surety claim department. Mr. Vollreide discussed the promotional plans the company is making, and Mr. Molitor introduced a new visual sales booklet entitled "Dishonesty Insurance Digest." surance Digest.

#### Agents Handsomely Treated

The agents were handsomely cared for. There was a break in the sessions each morning and afternoon for coffee and cake, and at lunch the company supplied a television set to broadcast the first two games of the world's series. A cocktail hour followed each day's activities.

Leading off the second day was the address of Robert Walstrom, advertising department manager. Mr. Walstrom was unable to attend and his paper was read by Mr. Molitor.

Mr. Walstrom criticized the campaign on dishonesty insurance that the com-

Mr. Walstrom criticized the campaign on dishonesty insurance that the company has been offering to agents. He said that the primary fault is that the advertising does not consistently reach the right prospects. This can be caused by a careless or improper choice of medium and often can be overcome by direct particular than the carefully because the carefully according to the carefully the ca direct mail where a more carefully pre-pared list can be built up.

pared list can be built up.

Direct mail might fall down if there is an inadequacy of circulation, but the largest fault in this line is that there is a sloppy follow-up by the agents.

Many agents criticize direct mail because they believe it isn't read by the prospects. Mr. Walstrom said that this is a fallacy and declared that any direct mail that is of interest to the prospect. mail that is of interest to the prospect will be read. In this regard, it has as much or more effect than any other advertising medium.

The idea that direct mail is not effec-

tive because it doesn't produce immediate results is improper, Mr. Walstrom added. The accumulative effect of many mailings leaving the right impression with the prospect can be of great value

to the agents.

When a reply is received a prompt follow up is of the utmost importance. The agent cannot afford to wait for a The agent cannot afford to wait for a company special agent to come along and take over the question. The minimum that the agent can do is to see that prospect immediately if only to make contact with him. If the case is a difficult one, there are many sales aids that can be left to keep the prospect warm until a special agent can call.

#### Safe Company Man Speaks

Cecil Roberts of the Mosler Safe Co. offered some ideas that agents can use in helping their assured prevent loss and at the same time establish themselves with the employer as a good man

with whom to do business. Mr. Roberts stressed that of utmost importance to the agent is knowing his business thoroughly. This would include a knowledge of some of the loss hazards that exist. He brought out the necessity of an agent knowing the difference be-tween fireproof and burglary-proof safes, a point that can mean a considerable amount in an annual insurance premium. Mr. Roberts told the story of his early years in the business when he sold a burglarproof chest to a hotel to go inside its fireproof vault. The sale resulted in a decrease in premiums of some \$500 annually. The hotel operator was overjoyed with the saving, but was piqued at his insurance agent for not having given him this information previously so the savings might have put into effect some years back.

Mr. Molitor called upon a number of Mr. Molitor called upon a number of the agents to recite some of their successful selling plans. Among those who responded were Leonard Hurley of Knoxville; Dean Stone of the Rex West agency of Denver; N. McCullough Winters of Quincy, Ill.; Ira Canatsey of Denver; Fred Esper of Detroit, and Philip Purcell of Salt Lake City.

Last speaker on the morning session was John S. Boyle. Cook county state/s

Last speaker on the morning session was John S. Boyle, Cook county state's attorney. He was introduced by John A. Henry, general attorney of Continental Casualty.

Mr. Boyle stressed the value of crime prevention by pointing out that the cost of crime annually runs into the billions of dollars while practically nothing is spent in the line of crime prevention. He added that the crime costs in the United States run far above the fire loss and yet fire prevention campaigns are becoming a standard feature in many towns. many towns.

#### Chicago Prevention Work

He explained the setup of the crime prevention bureau in Chicago, a new organization with membership representing labor, management, civic groups and others.

Mr. Boyle had a prepared talk for newspaper consumption and he hurried through it so that he would be able to get down to the dining room where there was a telecast of the world series game. The agents also were treated to the last five innings of the games on Thursday and Friday, and both games ended at exactly the starting hour for the afternoon gatherings.

Another angle of crime prevention was taken up in the afternoon by Ewing Stumm, director of sales training for National Cash Register Co. Mr. Stumm emphasized that his company is also in terested in crime prevention and he, as did Mr. Roberts, pointed out a number of ways in which the agent can be of assistance to an employer in revealing

potential loss situations

#### Demonstrates Loss Situations

Mr. Stumm had a cash register with which he demonstrated several ways in which the employer can be cheated out of small amounts consistently. using customer receipts under sion have a lower rate of employe dis-honesty than any other type of opera-tion. If an agent walks into a store and discovers one or more of the poten-tial loss situations, Mr. Stumm said he could almost guarantee an employe bond loss eventually.

He declared 3% of current drug com

pany sales go down the embezzlement

Messrs. Vollreide and Molitor c Messrs. Vollreide and Molitor con-cluded the meeting with their talks. Mr. Vollreide remarked that Continental Casualty is prepared to do an engineer-ing job in the field of crime prevention. The company will talk with management and help on dishonesty problems. It

will tackle bad risks after making in-spections and suggesting improvements.

Mr. Vollreide said that the company soon will have a fairly good sized staff to deal with the crime prevention prob-lem. He outlined a number of promo-tional plans that the company is getting under way to help sell dishonesty insur-

ance business.
Mr. Molitor reviewed the numerous Mr. Montor reviewed the numerous sales aids available. The chief trouble with insurance company selling, he said is that the company has no control over the agent. The company might put out the agent. The company might put out the best sales idea on the market, but there is no way to make the agent follow through and see that it becomes a success. He outlined seven important steps in selling and with each one demonstrated that the company is providing assistance. If the agent follows these steps with a prospect, he can almost be sure of making a sale.

steps with a prospect, he can almost be sure of making a sale.

A unique feature of the meeting was the fact that the agents paid all their own expenses as the result of a sale campaign on which they received 5% extra commission on comprehensive dishonerty policies. dishonesty policies.

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# ACCIDENT AND HEALTH

# of Voluntary Health Cover

MILWAUKEE—Voluntary health insurance, whether controlled by doctors, hospitals, cooperatives or commercial insurance companies, is the answer to federal compulsory health insurance proposals, speakers at the convention of Wisconsin State Medical Society here

of Wisconsin State Medical Society here emphasized.

Dr. J. W. Truitt, Milwaukee, president-elect, said Wisconsin leads the nation in legislation to protect the subscriber to consumer-sponsored medical-surgical care plans and that the doctors of the state should agree to means of assuring the consumer subscriber the same protection and freedom as they could obtain under medical society sponsored plans.

A resolution was submitted by Dr. Karl H. Doege, Marshfield, outgoing

A resolution was submitted by Dr. Karl H. Doege, Marshfield, outgoing president, urging the society to conduct a study of the income of individuals and families in Wisconsin to determine "realistic levels" of income limits for full payment features of prepaid medical care plans. Doctors now accept the scheduled plan benefit as full payment for surgical services when the person covered has an annual income of \$2,000 or less if single, and \$3,600 or less if married. Some states have raised this level to \$5,000, Dr. Doege reported.

#### L. H. Savage President of Standard L.&A. of Okla.

Leonard H. Savage has been named president of the Standard Life & Accident of Oklahoma City to succeed the late W. R. Emerson. Mr. Savage launched his career as assistant to the late Commissioner Read of Oklahoma. He later practiced law, specializing in insurance.

insurance.
F. M. Petree, who also started with Mr. Read, later entering legal practice, has been named vice-president. James E. Gavin has been appointed manager of the group department.

#### Colo. Insurer Projected to Insure Borrowers

to Insure Borrowers

Colorado Credit Life is in process of being organized at Boulder to provide life and accident and health insurance on the lives of borrowers, assuring repayment of the loan in case of accident, sickness or death. Raymond F. Grohne is president; Allen J. Lefferdink, chairman; Jack O. Robinson, vice-president; Horace B. Holmes, secretary and James S. Rice, treasurer and general manager. It will start off with \$100,000 capital and net surplus of an equal amount, with \$40,000 of this being offered to the public and shares being sold for \$2. The company expects to start operating by the first of the year.

Colorado Credit Life will reinsure 100% of its business at the outset. J. H. Silversmith, Inc., well known managing general agency at Denver for fire and casualty business, will handle the business for the new company in Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. Head offices will be at Boulder and when the necessity arises, an addition will be built to the Allen Enterprises Block to provide additional space.

#### Freel to Eberle Co.

C. Fred Freel has been appointed manager of the life and A. & H. departments for the William Eberle Co. at Oklahoma City. He previously was vice-president and director of agents for Standard Life & Accident in that city.

#### Hear Motors Sales Manager

Merritt D. Hill, general sales manager of Dearborn Motors Corp., addressed Detroit A. & H. Assn. at its meeting Oct. 11 on "Accidental Selling Is Out."

#### Doctors Would Aid All Forms Compulsory Health Planners Distort Facts, Doctor Charges

A charge of distorting facts was lev-A charge of distorting facts was leveled at proponents of compulsory health insurance by Dr. L. O. Pence in an address before the Spokane (Wash.) Insurance Assn. Dr. Pence declared that the 300,000 persons who, according to proponents of compulsory insurance, died for want of adequate medical care

included persons who died from accidental cases and mentally and physically incompetent persons, all of whom would have been beyond aid from either vol-untary or compulsory health insurance.

#### Hold Ohio Congresses

Toledo Assn. of A. & H. Underwriters held a sales congress Monday with Charles B. Stumpf, Madison, Wis., president of the International association; Wesley J. A. Jones, Chicago, executive secretary, and Charles U. Pugh, Loyal Protective Life, president of the Ohio association, speakers.

The Akron congress was held Tuesday. Speakers included Mr. Stumpf, Carl A. Ernst, North American Life & Casualty, St. Paul, treasurer of the International association; J. E. Harriman, Illinois Bankers Life, Youngstown, and Sidney Fields, Cleveland, chairman of the Leading Producers Round Table.

#### Cincinnati Regional Oct. 31

The first of the series of regional meetings planned by H. & A. Underwriters Conference has been scheduled for Oct. 31 at the Hotel Gibson, Cin-

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# CHANGES IN CASUALTY FIELD

#### Stiner Resigns State Job, Joins Universal Surety

LINCOLN, NEB .- Fred K. Stiner has resigned as assistant director of insurance of Nebraska and depart-

has resigned as assistant director of insurance of Nebraska and departmental attorney to become vice-president of Universal Surety of Lincoln. The change is effective Nov. 1.

Mr. Stiner, formerly of Hastings, Neb., joined the department after being graduated from law school in 1947. Robert H. Rydman, formerly of Omaha, will be promoted from policy attorney to departmental attorney. No action is being taken now to fill the position of assistant director. Rydman will be succeeded by Thomas H. Luhe, formerly of Seward, who recently joined the department.

#### Corts, Redman in Home **Indemnity Changes**

Home Indemnity has transferred eorge F. Corts, assistant manager at

Liberty Life building, supervising North and South Carolina. J. Carter Cook is resident secretary at Charlotte.

Home Indemnity has also transferred C. H. Redman from Cincinnati to Louisville. Mr. Redman will be assistant manager and will make his headquarters with Manager Marshall Mellor.

Paul J. Ickeringill of the New York City claims department has been named special agent in southern New York and parts of Connecticut and New Jersey for New England Casualty.

Mr. Ickeringill attended Brown University and after two years of police work and several years in the army intelligence corps, joined Connecticut Indemnity in 1947 in the claims department.

#### Miles in N. J. Field

with headquarters at Newark. He joined Fireman's Fund in 1941 as an automobile underwriter. For three years he served with the army air corps and in 1946 became assistant supervisor of the automobile department.

#### **Boston Changes Made**

Standard Accident has named Hollis S. Blue manager of the casualty and fire underwriting department at Boston. He has been chief underwriter there.

Edgar S. Cook becomes manager of the production department at Boston.

He was formerly a field representative.
Howard A. Eaton has been named field representative. He has been with Standard since 1942. His duties in the

Standard since 1942. His duties in the liability underwriting department are taken over by Alva M. Dow, Jr.
Richard T. Wigginton is in charge of the fire and marine department for Planet. He succeeds M. W. Shepherd who was transferred to Chicago office. He has been an automobile underwriter

at Boston.

Douglas W. Barlow has been named assistant manager of the claim depart-

#### Stephens Joins Atlantic

Edwin G. Stephens has joined Atlantic Mutual as assistant production manager at the head office. He has been with Employers Liability 20 years and for the past three years has been assistant resident manager for New

# COMPANIES

#### Elect Lawrence Grinstead President of Beacon Mutual

Lawrence H. Grinstead of Columbus has been elected president of Beacon Mutual Indemnity, succeeding the late Ben S. Thompson. He has been serving as vice-president and secretary and is one of the founders of the company. W. L. Payne and Don Power have been elected vice-presidents.

Paul E. Buehler, sales manager, has been made a director, and Carl Brown, claims manager, has been appointed secretary.

claims manager, has been appointed secretary. King Thompson is treasurer.

Plans are being completed to erect a six or eight story home office building at Gay and Front streets, Columbus.

#### Ill. Reciprocal Licensed

Great Lakes Automobile Insurance Group, a reciprocal of Chicago, has been licensed in Illinois to write all lines of automobile insurance. Stanley H. Nylen is the president. He is a local agent and head of Great Lakes Investment Co.

#### Company Seeks Certificate

Interstate Indemnity has filed an application with the California department for license to write common carment for ficense to write common carrier liability, automobile and general liability insurance. It has authorized capital of \$1 million, paid-in capital of \$150,000 and \$150,000 surplus.

Ray Rosendahl, Los Angeles, is president of the company, which when authorized to do business will be under the

management of the Ray Rosendahl Co.

Agents of Farmers Mutual Automobile of Madison, Wis., submitted 1,300 special "birthday" applications on the mutual's 22nd anniversary, making it one of the most productive days in the company's history.

#### Aetna Cas. Newark Parley

A special insurance conference was conducted by the Newark branch of Aetna Casualty at Canoe Brook Country

Club, with more than 50 in attendance.
Participating in the program were
Assistant Secretary T. B. Fowler, Rudolph C. Larson, field supervisor, and
John H. Nolan, Newark manager.

# **SURETY**

#### To Confer With Federal Men on Bonding Subjects

WASHINGTON—A committee of Assn. of Casualty & Surety Companies handling problems presented by proposed government bonding legislation will meet soon with Assistant Comptroller General Ellis and Budget Bureau Representative William Armstrong to present the committee report and association views on that subject. Standard ation views on that subject. Standard Accident heads the committee.

#### Two Big Contracts Bonded

Bressi & Bevanda Construction Co. North Hollywood, presented a low bid of \$1,854,624 for improvement of the Tujunga, from the Los Angeles river to Hanson dam. Hartford Accident has the bid bond.

R. V. Lloyd of Coachella, Cal., and Runnellsville, Ark., has been awarded a \$2,070,089 contract by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in the reconstruction of the main canal in the all-American canal system, Boulder dam project. It is reported that U. S. F. & G. will execute the payment and performwill execute the payment and performance bond.

#### Study Sales Tax Bond

Surety Underwriters Assn. of South-Surety Underwriters Assn. of South-ern California at a meeting in Los An-geles discussed the state sales tax bond. A. H. Brunett, Maryland Casualty, W. J. McKinnon, Great American In-demnity, and F. Dalley, U. S. F. & G., will study the bond and report on their

# **PERSONALS**

William T. Harper, president of Maryland Casualty, has been named chairman of the insurance division of Baltimore's 1949 Community Chest campaign. His division will seek gifts from nsurance companies with home offices in Baltimore.

Charles Scholer, president of American Income, has just celebrated the 25th anniversary of the founding of his company. Mr. Scholer, who is a pioneer in the A. & H. field, was feted by his associates and employes at the home office at Indianapolis.

Lester L. Bates, president of Capital Life & Health of Columbia, has am-nounced his candidacy for governor of South Carolina.

#### Form Charleston Unit

Charleston, W. Va., Assn. of A. & H. Underwriters has been organized with C. O. Snyder, state manager for Educators Mutual, as temporary president Wesley Jones, executive secretary International Assn. of A. & H. Underwriters, will give a talk Oct. 27.

#### To Ohio Company

Ted K. Mathers, state agent in Ohio for the past 13 years for Auto-Owners of for Auto-Owners of Lansing, has resigned to become affiliated with Republic In-demnity of Colum-bus as agency vice-president.

resident.

Republic Indemnity is the outgrowth of the reorganization of Republic Mutual and is chartered to write complete automobile coverages as well as miscellaneous casualty lines and has over 150 agents operating in Ohio only.



Memphis, to its new office at Charlotte, N. C., as manager with offices at 2000

#### Ickeringill in New Post

Paul J. Ickeringill of the New York

Fireman's Fund Indemnity has appointed Charles J. Miles as special representative for northern New Jersey

Yes Sir!

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# **Howland Leaves** Conference Post

Billedward Howland, since 1944 statistician of H. & A. Underwriters Con-



Underwriters Conference, has resigned, effective Nov. 1, to join Mutual Implement & Hardware of Owatonna, Minn., as manager of its group A. & H. depart ment. The company is just encompany is just en-tering that field and Mr. Howland will have charge of setting up the new department as well as its future opera-

particularly active in the research work conducted by the conference in connec-tion with group, franchise and medical insurance and underwriting matters in

joining the conference, Mr. Before joining the conference, Mr. Howland had been in A. & H. work at the home offices of Aetna Life and Fidelity & Casualty and with the latter company at Philadelphia. He is a son of W. H. Howland, who retired in 1944 as manager of the A. & H. department of General Accident after 25 years in Before

that post.

His successor with the conference has not yet been selected.

# Cal. Labor Boycotts **UCD Private Plans**

SAN FRANCISCO—California Federation of Labor, AFL, has announced a boycott against all private insurance companies writing UCD business in retaliation for the opposition presented

companies writing UCD business in retaliation for the opposition presented by some companies and groups to the organization's legislative program.

It is calling upon all affiliated unions to instruct or urge members not to accept the voluntary plans presented by private carriers but to insist that the employer leave the business with the state fund, despite the fact that the voluntary plans must provide greater benefits than the state for the same cost.

Almost at the same time the organized building industry employers announced a plan to practically boycott the California state compensation fund. The builders state association is advising all its members that their workmen's compensation should be placed with private companies. It claims the state fund is operating beyond its original scope and purposes and lacks the service of the private companies. The builders also say that the fund is detrimental to all private enterprise. ers also say that the fund is detrimental to all private enterprise.

#### Bernam to St. Louis Post

Charles A. Bernam has resigned as deputy commissioner in charge of cas-ualty rates in the Indiana department to become manager of the casualty de-partment of the W. A. O'Connor & Co. agency, St. Louis. Before going to Indianapolis, Mr. Ber-nam was assistant manager of the Mis-

nam was assistant manager of the Missouri compensation rating bureau. He has been chairman of the casualty rates committee of Zone 3.

#### **Burford in Continental Post**

LOS ANGELES—Harry L. Burford of Los Angeles, vice-president of California Agencies, Inc., has been elected to succeed the late president of that organization, C. A. Teasdale, and H. R. Mann, vice-president, has been named to the board of directors. In other changes in the company, Walter L. Dawes, vice-president, has resigned, with the vacancy left open; Gerald F. McKenna, manager of life, accident and health departments, who resigned, has been succeeded by Mr. Cannon, and Frank Nelson has been

transferred from the Los Angeles office to San Francisco as manager of the marine department. William Lamborn has been named special agent in the inland marine and fire department of the Los Angeles office, and William Burke, formerly with Rathbone, King & Seeley, is now assistant to H. J. Coleman, manager of the casualty department of the San Francisco office.

Another three-day seminar sponsored by Minnesota Assn. of Insurance Agents will be held at University of Minnesota

# B.M.A. Issues Book on Its History

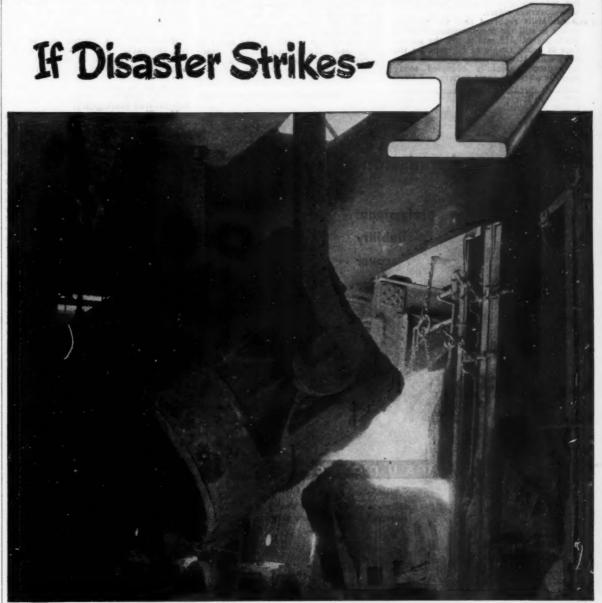
Business Men's Assurance has issued a handsome illustrated book recounting the first 40 years of the company's history. There is a frontispiece photograph of W. T. Grant, chairman and founder. The dedication, by President J. C. Higdon, emphasizes the spirit of teamwork between home office and field in the mutual interest of policyholders. The book, "The Score at Forty," is dedi-

cated to Mr. Grant.

Besides recounting B.M.A.'s four decades, the book contains pictures of the board of directors, branch managers, presidents of various honor clubs and presidents of various honor clubs and there is a statistical table devoted to a year-by-year showing of the company's progress in assets, income and life insurance in force.

The book was produced by Jack R. Morris, B.M.A. director of publicity.

The Reins Club, composed of New York City facultative placers, will hold its first fall meeting Oct. 25.



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#### Older A.&H. Risk Problem is Treated

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true in the case of casualty companies which traditionally do not deal with pol-icyholders direct, but always through

reynolders direct, but always through agencies.

Testimony by O. F. Siegmund, General American Life, and Ray L. Hills, Great American Indemnity, on the advantages and disadvantages of the three prevalent types of A. & H. policies were so exhaustive as to call for little comment from the floor. They were discussing the merits of the package type, the schedule type and the basic policy with coverage riders.

Mr. Mills reported that the package policy is still the most common type in the industry. He said it has the advantage of being simple to fill out. On the debit side, Mr. Hills was of the opinion that people gainfully occupied today must be offered a great variety and flexi-

bility in A. & H. coverages. If this is the case, he said, use of the package policies requires that a great supply of different policies must be kept on hand creating complicated and expensive printing problems and a great variety of creating which must be pushed by the indi-

kits which must be pushed by the individual company.

As far as offering a great variety and still preserving essential simplicity of forms, Mr. Hills was in favor of the basic policy with coverage riders. With such a policy, the agent can prepare in advance the type which he thinks will best fit the needs of his policyholder. He need deal with only one basic policy He need deal with only one basic policy and the rider is simple for the agent to understand. He admitted that a disadvantage of the basic policy with riders is that it requires more care and time to prepare and that the number of riders

necessarily complicates the procedure.

On the score of the schedule policy,
Mr. Hills commented that it offers flexi-Mr. Hills commented that it offers flexi-bility, economy, and easy wording for both the agent and the prospect. He numbered as a disadvantage for this type of policy the fact that the cus-tomer has before him on the face of the policy, many of the benefits which he won't have, unless he elects to take the full policy. full policy.

#### Takes the Other View

Taking the other point of view, Mr. Taking the other point of view, Mr. Siegmund thought it was an advantage to have the policyholder see everything that he might have had. An agent who handles a schedule interview properly will take himself off the hook by emphawill take himself off the hook by emphasizing that the policyholder on his own responsibility has elected not to take full coverage. The scheduling on the policy of many items of coverage which he might have elected will serve to cause the policyholder to wish to broaden his policy, or to realize his own responsibility for lack of coverage in case of a non-covered contingency.

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Mr. Siegmund commented that the buying public has been very well edu-cated to the schedule policy through the

cated to the schedule policy through the automobile coverages.

On the other hand, Mr. Siegmund saw as both a disadvantage and an advantage the fact that schedule policies call for home office records which are considerably more complete than those which the package type calls for. This means extra work but, on the other hand, it means that the clerk will not have to know automatically what coverage is contained in XYZ policy. He can look at the records and see pre-

erage is contained in XYZ policy. He can look at the records and see precisely what is covered and what is not.

Mr. Siegmund commented that a disadvantage of the basic policy with coverage riders is that each rider must be countersigned. Riders are of various sizes, the separate states have different rider requirements which makes the basic policy plus riders a rather unattractive package. He felt that a package plan is too complex when there are many different packages. It is too hard for clerks and agents and claims people to know what each one of the policies with peculiar company nomenclature with peculiar company nomenclature contains.

#### Non-Occupational Cover

Gerald S. Parker, Preferred Accident, drew the job of outlining the procedure of his company on non-occupational coverage. He said that Preferred Acci-dent does not write non-occupational on all classes, sticking only to D, E, F, G. H and avoiding hazardous occupations. His company has no objection to writ-ing firemen and policemen, for example, feeling that there is no extra hazard in

feeling that there is no extra hazard in their off-duty hours, though he admitted that many such public servants are given greater salary allowances during times of illness or accident.

Mr. Parker testified that his company will not write non-occupational on farmers and others not covered by workmen's compensation. All their risks must be covered on a 24-hour basis. His company feels that the limits on nonmust be covered on a 24-hour basis. His company feels that the limits on non-occupational should not exceed the workmen's compensation benefits by much. Without further comment, he raised the question that class A is perhaps not the proper non-occupational rate and one man rose to say that his company uses class B rating exclusively. Three scheduled sections of the forum were not given, due to the absence of

a tree scheduled sections of the forum were not given, due to the absence of section leaders. Laurence B. Soper, Connecticut General, had to leave the meeting early so the discussion was bypassed on the trends in underwriting female risks for accident and sickness. C. E. Stevens, Standard Accident, was trable to leave he discussion of soverunable to launch a discussion of coverage offerings on an optional basis, because his wife was having a baby. E. Reginald Brock of the Great-West Life, who was scheduled to lead the discussion of sub-standard business, was un-able to attend the meeting.

American Hospital & Life has opened an office at Bonham, Tex., with R. F. Manken, Jr., in chmarge.

# Carl Daniel Sees Firm Place for Casualty Convention

From Carl Daniel of the Daniel & Henry Agency, St. Louis, who is retir-

ing executive com-mittee chairman of the casualty agents association.

Naturally I read with more than ordinary interest the article in the Oct. 6 issue of The 6 issue of Thi NATIONAL UNDER WRITER concerning the White Sulphur Springs joint con-vention of the In-ternational Assn. of Casualty & Surety Underwriters and



National Assn. of Casualty & Surety Agents.

Because I, as retiring chairman of the executive committee of the N.A.C.S.A., was quoted, I hasten to correct any erroneous impression that may have been created by some of my remarks.

remarks.

At no time did I mean to imply that the executive committee or the officers were groping for an answer as to what the future policies of the association should be. So far as I know, the policies haven't changed during the last four years and while I cannot speak for the incoming administration, it is my belief that our organization will continue to be an active force working in the public interest, and for the welfare the public interest, and for the welfare of the metropolitan agents and general agents, looking towards solution of the problems of the business as a whole, and not limited solely to casualty and surety lines.

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What I was trying to do at the executive committee meeting was to invite our members to freely express themselves and I deliberately opened the way for anyone to criticize the executive committee or the officers, or make suggestions, if they felt like it. I wanted the incoming administration to be given the "green light" to proceed as before, or to be put on notice if any members disapproved of our policies and objectives.

and objectives. As to the merits of the joint conven-tion, I have heard many company ex-ecutives express themselves most enthusiastically in approval. The fact that a number of the old time general agents who supervised territories relinquished supervision, should not in any way diminish the desirability of top flight company executives fraternizing with company executives fraternizing with the members of our association at these joint conventions. In our membership there are still a number of supervising general agents, and an even greater number of general agents and agents who perform all of the underwriting and other functions for their companies, although not supervising sub-agents in a territory. These members control subalthough not supervising sub-agents in a territory. These members control sub-stantial premium income, and it has been my observation and experience that our good friends in the company ranks continue to be interested in them, and I might say, anxious to mingle with them at the Greenbrier meetings.

#### Stipp to Join Continental Casualty in Claims Post

John Stipp of the legal firm of Jones Sebat, Stipp & Swanson of Danville, Ill. on Jan. 1 will join Continental Cas-ualty as general claims attorney handling miscellaneous casualty, legal and claim

functions.

Mr. Stipp will assist M. P. Cornelius, general counsel. D. C. Anderson and L. J. Locke will continue as superintendent and assistant superintendent of the continue as superintendent of the continue the liability claim department. Mr. Stipp is director of building loans for the state of Illinois

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#### N. Y. TDB Law Is Big Topic at A. & H. Parley

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added to and made a part of the workmen's compensation law. The act does not now permit the state fund to provide benefits in excess of those specified in the law, but it is expected that at the next session of the legislature an effort will be made to allow it as well as the private carriers to provide excess benefits.

It also is expected that efforts will be made to secure approval of an endorsement to extend compensation policies to cover disability benefits. Whether that is wise or unwise, he commented, time alone will tell. Many contend that eventually the two coverages will be combined to afford 24-hour coverage on both occupational and non-occpational injuries and sickness under occpational injuries and sickness under

occpational injuries and sickness under one policy contract.

To show the involved character of the treatment of disputed claims he cited a decision in New Jersey on the requirement of medical attendance, involving dentists, chiropractors and religious practitioners which would not be applicable in New York or California, and one on the interpretation of the exclu-sion of abortion.

#### Plenty of Companies Available

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He took up the development of compensation business and also the disability benefit business written by life companies and said it is quite evident that there will be enough writers of business under the new law to meet all reasonable demands. He suggested that the companies should recognize the propriety of writing their proportionate share of less desirable risks, and said that if that is not done there may be more monopolistic state funds and more agitation for so-called assigned risk plans.

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In addition to the actual writings under state competitive plans, he said the aroused interest of the public will increase the demand for A. & H. insurance, that in many cases the benefits will be deemed inadequate and there will be many requests for other benefits, such as death and dismemberment, hospital, surgical and medical expense.

nts, such as death and dismemberment, hospital, surgical and medical expense. Question has arisen as to what effect the writing of disability insurance will have on a company's reserves. Mr. Beams said he had been told by actuaries that the effect will not be burdensome and that it is not likely to afford a diffcult problem for the companies.

The round table discussion was quite largely "off the record," because of the fact that final decisions have not been largely "off the record," because of the fact that final decisions have not been made on many of the questions under consideration. P. J. Burns, Eagle-Globe-Royal Indemnity, was the discussion leader. E. H. Marshall, Indemnity of North America, took up the general principles involved in writing business under the New York law.J. K. Honey, Life Insurance Assn. of America outlined the advisory policy forms, two sets having been drafted for life and casualty companies. George E. Light, Travelers, analyzed the proposed regulations just promulgated which are to be the subject of a hearing later this month. He referred to the definition of employer and employe and the assignment of responsibility of employer; the status of existing or future private plans, particularly those involving collective bargaining or agreements with associations of employes, and the meaning of "at least as favorable." L. A. Orsini of bureau staff took up company problems and applicability of the group A. & H. law. Harry V. Williams, Hartford Accident, gave a comprehensive discussion of actuarial and statistical problems.

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Following their presentations, there was a flood of questions from the floor, which the panel members endeavored

which the panel members to answer.
Chairman Bidle in his address reviewed the growth of A. & H. premium income, comparing it with the increase in population and national income and its unique position as regards public relations. He commented on the

work of the bureau and especially the additional services which have been set up. He spoke of the importance of its statistical work and referred to the variations in claim ratio from the standpoint of size of policy which have been developed. developed.

#### OK's Some California Law Features

Approval of some features of the new minimum benefit law of California was voiced by Mr. Cox, in his talk on "New Legislation Enacted and Proposed." He referred particularly to the section that prohibits any provision for payment of loss caused by a particular event or events of an amount more than three times the lowest amount promised by the policy for the same loss caused by any other event, or payment for disability caused by a particular event or events for a term more than twice the least term of payment provided by the policy for the same degree of disability caused by any other event.

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"This approach to a further improvement in A. & H. policy forms is, to my way of thinking, good," Mr. Cox said.

"It is aimed at correcting the same type of practice in writing policies that some of the proposed federal trade commission rules aimed at, but whereas on these points the proposed rules deal only with advertising, the California

statute goes to the root of the matter in the policy form itself. I hope that the industry as well as regulatory authorities will give careful consideration to that type of statutory restriction, which I believe will do much to eliminate one of the chief causes of criticism of our business and to increase public confidence in it."

dence in it."

In connection with the revision of the standard provisions law, he said it would be highly desirable to have this question settled, but suggested that in many ways it might be desirable to combine that measure, the so-called all-industry bill already adopted in many states, and some parts of the California law, so as to have only one regulatory law for A. & H. insurance instead of three. He said this would help to unify administration as well as the law itself. He favored a plan under which commissioners of two or more states having similar laws could agree that policy approval in one state also would bring approval in the other. approval in the other.

#### Mail Order Problem Reviewed

Mr. Cox reviewed the problem of mail order A. & H. insurance, stating that advances have been made along that line and emphasizing the fact that any action that is taken should not penalize mail order insurers operating on a legitimate basis such as the commercial

men's associations. He took up the proposals before FTC and the various laws that have been proposed. He emphasized that the responsibility really lies with the insurer's home state insurance department and expressed the hope that better results along that line can

be obtained.

In taking up state cash sickness plans, he said they are primarily group A. & H. insurance and reviewed the progress made in that field. He praised the New made in that held. He praised the New York law as being a more truly competi-tive system. He said collective bargain-ing has to be taken into consideration. He stressed that private plans are more adaptable to meet specific needs and said that point should constantly be kept before the public.

#### Business Development Session

Because the discussion of the New York TDB law took up so much more time than was expected, the round table discussion on business development, under the leadership of H. L. Graham, Manufacturers Casualty, originally scheduled for Monday afternoon, was put over to Tuesday afternoon, which had been left open by the program makers. makers.

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Topics considered at that session included: How do you get agents out of the office?; production by top department men; A. & H. specials at key

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points; appointment of A. & H. only agents; contests and bonuses; advertising material; simplified forms, rates, etc., education.

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Participants in the discussions included Merle Thompson, Standard Accident; Paul H. Rogers, Aetna Life; John F. Lydon, Ocean Accident; William L. Kich, Fireman's Fund Indemnity; Gerald S. Parker, Preferred Accident; Glenn Lamar, Reliance Life; Paul W. Stade, Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty; Robert J. Sullivan, Travelers; Fred T. Corby, Home Indemnity; D. J. Moe, United States Life; R. L. Hills, Great American Indemnity; William Wolny, Commercial Casualty: B. L. Wolny, Commercial Casualty; William Wolny, Commercial Casualty; B. L. Sichelstiel, Reliance Life; Neil Brown, Hartford Accident; A. M. Urich, Pacific Mutual Life; Logan Bidle, Aetna Life; Austin J. Lilly, Maryland Casualty; O. F. Siegmund, General American Life can Life.

#### Follmann Reviews Legislation

Manager J. F. Follmann, Jr., in his annual report reviewed the 1949 legisla-tive season and matters before National Assn. of Insurance Commissioners. He spoke of the difficulties encountered in connection with the revised standard provisions bill and said it will now require hard thinking on the part of both the commissioners and A. & H. people

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to produce a measure which will be mutually acceptable and is at all likely to be enacted uniformly in a majority of the states. Meanwhile, the companies have completely revised their policies to meet the retrospective application of the third edition of the Official Guide required by eight states. Hence, he said, the present degree of interest in com-pleting this task is subject to serious

#### Minimum Benefit Proposals

He took up the "minimum beneft" legislation enacted in California at the instance of Commissioner Downey. Such a measure, he said, if a dopted by N.A.I.C., would be extremly harmful, not alone because of the lack of clarity of meaning in the present bill, but even of meaning in the present bill, but even more because, being a rule making measure, it is not adaptable to the customary forms of "model" or "uniform" legislation. Such a measure, even if enacted uniformly in several or all of the states, "carries with it no guarantee of uniform. tity in the rules which would be made thereunder. Hence, the resulting lack of uniformity which would unquestionably result in actual practice would serve to create a regulatory climate among the states under which the business of accident and health insurance could no longer be economically conducted, if it

could be conducted at all without having to ask for federal relief." Because of the increasing complexity

of the regulatory pattern, the Digest of Laws and Regulations issued by the bureau in 1948 had to be augmented by two supplements put out in the past vear.

#### Cash Sickness Laws

Mr. Follmann took up the cash sickness laws of New York, New Jersey and California. He said the passage of the New York law served to point up the importance of seeing to it, by active participation, that private insurance clearly displays that it is equipped and prepared to write such basic coverage across broad segments of the population. The result was that many companies, not formerly writing these coverages, determined to enter this field. A majority of the bureau companies plan to write coverage under the New York law and several not al-ready writing in California and New Jersey have decided to do so in the fu-

Mr. Follmann explained in detail the underwriting studies conducted by the bureau the past year, including those on franchise insurance, family expense, de-pendent rider, and hospital insurance, the total disability clause, writing un-level amounts of medical expense cover-age, and underwriting substandard or impaired risks.

#### Atomic Energy Inquiry

During the year a subcommittee was appointed to inquire whether the records of life insurance companies on atomic energy occupations would be available for study from an A. & H. viewpoint. This curiosity developed out of an address made at the last annual meeting of the bureau by Ralph R. Boyer of the atomic energy commission. The subcommittee reported that life insurance classifications would not be of use and that a separate, detailed, and costly study for





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A. & H. insurance did not appear warranted at this time, since atomic energy occupations do not at present create an underwriting problem to A. & H. insurers.

Since 1945, the bureau has been collecting loss experience statistics on aviation risks under broad coverage accident policies. Many companies have tended toward a marked reduction, amounting almost to an elimination, of the aviation exclusion previously used in accident pol-icies and further narrowing of the avia-tion exclusion has now been recom-

Referring to the educational seminars conducted by the bureau since the last annual meeting, he said they have been so successful as to assure their continu-

ance as a permanent service,
Mr. Follmann welcomed as
member Republic National Life.

#### Medical Developments Reviewed

In a review of the influences of recent developments in medicine and surgery on A. & H. underwriting, Dr. Ralph M. Filson, medical director of Travelers, said established coronary diseases and diseases of the central nervous system are still uninsurable risks. He regards recent attacks of rheumatic fever and valvular heart disease of certain types in a similar light, although exceptions in a similar light, although exceptions may be made for limited coverage and at younger ages for the latter.

He said use of a scarce glandular substance has had amazing results "and

we may see chronic arthritics whose history will permit consideration for both accident and health insurance."

Recurrent or progressive eye diseases will lead to excessive losses in spite of therapeutic developments, he believes but severe head injuries are insurable, provided a one-year waiting period has

revealed no complications.

Diabetics are insurable for accident coverages and perhaps modest amounts of health, provided the diabetic is not severe and has the intelligence to follow a treatment program, Dr. Filson said. Developments in infectious types of disease, pneumonias, sinusitis, mastoiditis, peritonitis have permitted some liberalization in acceptance.

Surgical treatment of hypertension is not sufficiently developed to permit un-

derwriting, he warned.

He did not advise considering risks involving psychoses or psychoneuroses.

"Advances on many fronts are broadening our opportunities," Dr. Filson conening our opportunities," Dr. Filson con-cluded. Initially, more or less academic judgment is required but the collection and study of statistics covering experi-ence should give the answer as to the soundness of these judgments. Dr. C. A. Kulp, professor of insurance at University of Pennsylvania, also spoke the final day on "Accident & Health Must Take the Long Look."

#### Workmen's Compensation for Widow of Murdered Insurance Man Is Asked

EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Raymond EAST ST. LOUIS, ILL.—Raymond Q. O'Keefe, an arbitrator for the Illimois industrial commission, has recommended that Mrs. Dorothy Heininger, widow of Howard A. Heininger, murdered Jerseyville, Ill., supervisor for the Metropolitan Life, be allowed a widow's compensation under the workmen's compensation act. It has been indicated that the allowance may amount to \$7.100.

\$7,100. Mr. Heininger was slain last April by two hitchhikers he picked up while en route to see a policyholder. O'Keele held that because Mr. Heininger was driving his automobile in the interest of driving his automobile in the interest of the life company he came under the provisions of the compensation law that employes killed or injured while work-ing with "machinery" are entitled to compensation benefits. He indicated that Mrs. Heininger's claim was the first of its kind to be filed under the Illinois

#### Fire Executives Students of Casualty Course

The casualty and surety course for fire insurance personnel which the Insurance Society of New York is sponsoring this year has proved so popular, with enrollment of approximately 65, it has had to be split into two classes. Richard H. Tillotson, assistant manager of the New York office of American

of the New York office of American Surety, is teaching both groups.

This is one of the most distinguished aggregations of students the society has ever taken under its wing. It includes three vice-presidents, two assistant vice-presidents six secretaries and an assistant vice-presidents. presidents, six secretaries and an assist presidents, six secretaries and an assistant secretary, seven managers and three department heads, five assistant managers, one supervising adjuster, four supervisors, one general agent, one state agent and four special agents, five examiners, two staff adjusters, a chief clerk, two accountants, seven underwriters, two counter clerks. Less than half a dozen have less than 10 years experience in the business.

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Mr. Tillotson is taking the first 20 lectures, then specialists will handle the remaining 10 covering accounting claims, reinsurance, etc.

There is also a fire course for casualty personnel sponsored by the society which Cameron Toole of Travelers is teaching. Here there is an enrollment of approximately 30. A third course is being given mostly for fire people by Joseph Raywid of Corroon & Reynolds for places of about 45. On activities in for a class of about 45 on statistics in connection with uniform accounting.

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# New Cal. UCD Regulations Issued

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those hospitals which are bona fide and genuine in the usual and popular concept of that term are to be regarded as "hospitals" under this new legislation.

The regulations with relation to the word "physician" give the same definition as exists in the disability insurance the resource of presenting of predicts.

tion as exists in the disability insurance act for purpose of execution of medical certificates for weekly indemnity insurance. Thus the term includes not only medical doctors, but also osteopaths, chiropractors, dentists, optometrists and certain other practitioners acting within the scope of practice authorized in their ligence. thorized in their license.

#### Definition of "Day"

The term "day" is defined for the payments while confined in the hospital to mean a 24-hour period. This differs from the previous definition of regulations defining day to be period from midnight to midnight. Thus some practical difficulties still remain to be resolved since the earlier rule still exists for the qualification for weekly indemnity. It is expected that the two concepts of day will be resolved in favor of the claimants by the private carriers, but the state administration may find difficulty in administering the two different definitions.

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Arising out of the fact that the act as written is not a "hospital indemnity" as such the regulation defines the weekly indemnity that the individual is entitled to plus the benefit of having the waiting period waived from and after the day in which the claimant enters the hospital as "basic" benefits and refers to the hospital benefit as "additional" benefits. These terms which are peculiar to the act and do not coincide with the usual language of insurance will, undoubtedly, cause some confusion among claimants for a period of time.

A technical, legal problem has arisen in view of the fact that Sec. 90 under which regulations are authorized to be adopted was changed at the last session of the legislature. The section does not expressly authorize the adoption of "emergency" regulations. The administrative procedure act, however, does authorize the adoption of emergency regulations. The department, on the basis of an attorney general's opinion has promulgated these regulations together with one relating to the authorization of out-of-state physicians executing medical certificates as "emergency" regulations. The other regulations necessitated by changes in the unemployment insurance and disability insurance act have been scheduled for public hearing Nov. 5. act have been scheduled for public hear-

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The opinion has been expressed by Charles Scully, representative of the state federation of labor, that the department lacks authority to adopt any regulations on an emergency basis.

#### Loss Cost Is Estimated

Some observers calculate that the new hospital benefits will amount to from 20 to 22% of the premium. Some believe that those plans providing \$40 per week will have to be trimmed down to \$32.50 in order to provide a margin for the new hospital benefits. These revisions may be difficult to accomplish because consent of employes has to be obtained. The federation of labor has been gunning for plans that are privately insured, seeking to get their members to oppose the institution of new private plans and to withdraw their consent to old plans. It is understood that some of the labor elements want to put the kibosh on private plans under these state schemes because if a federal health insurance program eventually comes about surance program eventually comes about and there is a pattern of recognition of private insurance at the state level, it would open up the possibility of pro-viding for voluntary plans at the federal



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# INSURANCE NEWS BY SECTIONS

# MIDDLE WESTERN STATES

#### Talk on Agents in Politics on Program of Wis. Assn.

MILWAUKEE — Program for the golden anniversary meeting of Wiscon-sin Assn. of Insurance Agents here Oct. 25-26 will include authoritative talks on the new assigned risk plan, the future of automobile insurance and agents in poli-

Lloyd I. Vandes, chief casualty actu-Wisconsin department, and Edward us, associate manager Wisconsin Kraus, associate manager Wisconsin auto assigned risk plan, will describe the new plan during the Oct. 25 session.

the new plan during the Oct, 25 session.
Other speakers and their topics are:
P. N. Snodgrass, secretary General Casualty—"What Does the Future Hold in the Automobile Insurance Business?"
Mark S. Catlin, Jr., Appleton, Wisconsin legislator—"Are You in Politics?" C. T. Burg, vice-president Iron Fireman Co., Cleveland—"The Three Bogeymen," a

J. L. Ashton of Leedom, O'Connor & Noyes, Milwaukee, state vice-president, will preside at a business production forum Oct. 26. The program includes the Inland Marine Underwriters Assn. movie, "Found Money," Speakers will be R. Maynard Toelle, Chicago, mid-west supervisor of American Foreign west supervisor of American For-Insurance Assn., on "Why Stay ce Assn., on "Why Stay at a description of the foreign market for local agents; Harold O. Molitor, Chicago, production manager of dis-honesty insurance department, Conti-nental Casualty—"Comprehensive Crime Coverage"; and George V. Whitford, assistant western manager Fire Association, Chicago, will explain selling meth-

ds for business interruption insurance. Commissioner Lange will be guest at luncheon Oct. 26. Speaker will be a luncheon Oct. 26. Speaker will be Charles P. Butler, executive vice-presi-dent, National Assn. of Insurance Agents.

#### Ind. C.P.C.U. Roundup

INDIANAPOLIS—Four Indiana men were awarded the C.P.C.U. diploma at Indianapolis last Friday by Dr. H. J. at Indianapolis last Friday by Dr. H. J. Loman, dean American College of Property & Liability Underwriters. The meeting was also addressed by H. W. Chegwidden, Camden Fire, new president of the C.P.C.U. society, who urged the Indiana chapter to carry out the C.P. C.U. principles in order to obtain a professional level.

Those receiving the designations

Those receiving the designations were: Donald H. Ellis, Hadley-Mahoney Co., Indianapolis; Robert W. Swanson, state agent Royal-Liverpool, Indianapolis; Don H. O'Rourke, O'Rourke agency, Fort Wayne; and Robert E. Myers, W. P. Ray & Co., Indianapolis.

#### Again W. P. Ray & Co.

INDIANAPOLIS—The name of the Indianapolis general agency of Ray & Dithmer has been changed to its former name, W. P. Ray & Co. James W. Ray, son of the founder, is in charge. The other partner, Walter Dithmer, is now field supervisor for Western Underwritage. ers Assn. at Chicago.

#### Clinics to Aid Mutual Agents

Four clinics on agency management, collections, accounting and filing will be sponsored by Ohio Assn. of Mutual Insurance Agents and the 1752 Club of Oliio. They will be at Granville and Findlay Nov. 8 and at Middletown and Kent Nov. 9.

St. Louis court of Cats Meow will hold a stag business meeting Oct. 24 followed by a cocktail hour and

#### Michigan Assn. Clinics Are Well Attended

LANSING, MICH.-Casualty and sponsored property insurance clinics sponsored by Michigan Assn. of Insurance Agents and its affiliated local boards and by the and its adminated local boards and by the Michigan State College extension department are attracting hundreds of agents and agency employes. The series, begun a week ago in the upper peninsula, will culminate with a clinic here 19.

Oct. 19.

The one at Saginaw brought out nearly 100. It was in charge of Carl L. Strong, coordinator of insurance training for State College. Discussion leaders included Craig Cunningham, Zurich, Chicago, on workmen's compensation, and Robert Foster, Grand Rapids, special agent Michigan F. & M., on U. & O. The schedule also includes Flint, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Jackson, St. Joseph, Benton Harbor, and Grand Rapids. Roland Lange, Jackson, special agent Hartford Fire, talked on specialized

Hartford Fire, talked on specialized fire topics. A. S. Cowlin, manager, Michigan auto assigned risk plan, spoke at Detroit and Dean Russell A. Stevenson, business administration Stevenson, business administration school of the University of Michigan, at both Ann Arbor and Detroit, talked.

#### C.P.C.U. Review at Lafayette

LAFAYETTE—A review course for parts I and II of the C.P.C.U. examination has been started here. It meets in the chamber of commerce building Mondays at 5 p.m. It is under the supervision of Prof. J. Edward Hedges of the insurance department of Indiana University and the sessions are being handled partly by Dr. Hedges and partly by field men.

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#### Orders \$300,000 in Escrow for Winecoff Hotel Claims

ATLANTA - A ruling has been handed down in the court action resulting from the disastrous Winecoff hotel fire in December, 1946, in which 119 lives were lost. The court has ruled that nearly \$300,000 be placed in escrow to satisfy 149 claims for damages totaling more than \$ million. One suit has settled for \$10,000.

Although the suits were filed against A. F. Greely, Sr., A. F. Greely, Jr., and R. E. O'Connell, operators, jointly and individually, and Mrs. Annie Lee Irwin, W. H. Irwin and the Arlington Corp., the court ruled only the Greelys and O'Connell were liable.

A \$685,000 mortgage on the hotel property held by an insurance company has been paid. The corporation owners plan to rebuild the hotel.

#### Mark Silver Anniversary

Insurance Women of Dallas celebrated its silver anniversary with a "bosses' dinner." Miss Mary Kelpen of General Adjustment Bureau, Dallas, the president, welcomed guests. President C. M. Patrick of the Dallas Insurance Agents Assn. responded. R. L. Thornton, chairman of Mercantile National Bank, was the guest speaker.

#### Dallas Agency Reorganized

Following the death of A. C. Prendergast, senior partner in the local agency of A. C. Prendergast & Co., Dallas, established in 1922, the surviving partners purchased the interest of his

widow and will continue the agency.

Ross W. Brown, who has been with
the agency 23 years, will be in charge of the fire and casualty department.

Al C. Prendergast joined the firm in 1939, and after serving in the air force for five years has been active in the life claims and service work.

and accident development work, and will assume complete responsibility for that the agency.

Sam L. Anderson joined the firm in 1936 after several successful years as a local agent, and will be in charge of

# PACIFIC COAST AND MOUNTAIN

#### Plan All-Industry Public Relations Setup on Coast

SAN FRANCISCO-Approval of an "all-industry" public relations organiza-tion, first proposed by the public rela-tions committee of the Insurance Brok-ers Exchange of California, has been given by that organization's board of governors, following a report of the plan, its objectives and means of bring-ing such a group about.

The all-industry committee would con-

sist of representatives from all of insurance organizations, including ad-justers, company and agent, and broker employes and allied industry groups.

Invitations are now being sent to these associations requesting appointment of such representatives.

The immediate plan would be to co-

ordinate all similar activities of these groups and to develop three specific sections or objectives: employe education, company-producer conferences and customer relations.

Sponsors of the plan say it sponsors of the plan say it was prompted by a necessity to coordinate the varied activities to better obtain results desired by all. When the new group of representatives get together they will select their own officers or chairmen and develop the various divisional activities.

#### Benton Agents Elect Officers

Benton County (Ore.) Assn. of Insurance Agents has elected Earl Lawrence, Corvallis, president; Elmer Patrick, Corvallis, vice-president, II rence, Corvalis, president; Einer Patrick, Corvallis, vice-president; Harold Roberts, Corvallis, secretary. The executive committee is Howard Hand, Gordon Dodge and Scott Williams.

#### Portland Partnership Ends

Robert I. Downey has acquired the interest of his partner, Ray W. Sherman, in the Sherman-Downey Co., Portland local agency. The real estate department has been discontinued and the agency now is executed with agency now is associated with Camp-beil & McNab.

#### Meet at Portland Oct. 14

The executive committee of the Oregon Assn. of Insurance Agents will have its first meeting of the new fiscal year Oct. 14 at Portland.

#### Resume Study Courses

Study courses in property and casu-ty insurance sponsored by the Portalty insurance sponsored by the Port-land Assn. of Insurance Agents have been resumed with revised material and an improved classroom procedure.

Representatives of the Oregon Fire Underwriters Assn., and casualty company and local agents are serving as instructors for the classes, which also are offered in a correspondence course.

Automobile General Adjusters Assn. of California will holds its annual banquet Oct. 28. The meeting will be the same evening as the concluding session of California Assn. of Insurance Ad-justers. This will be the 25th annual gathering of the group, and special en-tertainment features have been planned.

The Pacific Coast department of Boston has moved to 315 Montgomery street, San Francisco.

#### Multiple Line Setup Instituted at San Iose

In line with its plans to convert its internal structure to a completely integrated multiple line organization Fireman's Fund has made important personnel changes in its San Jose service office.

Special Agent William M. Compagno who has directed fire and marine underwriting production in the south coast territory since 1941, has been made supervisor in charge of all lines of burnings at San Logo. business at San Jose.

Newly appointed Special Agent Irwin
A. Bafigo, formerly of Fireman's Fund
head office staff, has been transferred
to San Jose to assist Mr. Compagno.
Special Agent George C. O'Connell

will continue to look after casualty and automobile lines throughout the territory serviced from San Jose office but will spend more time in the head office and north coast field.

Elimination of departmental supervision and assignment of work on a group basis is the pattern which has been adopted in the larger departmental op-erations and which will soon be adopted in many of the field offices.

# EAST

#### To Honor Safety Work of Utica Agents Oct. 25

Insurance Agents Club of Utica, N. Y., and its president, Andrew C. Treiber, will be honored at a luncheon meeting there, Oct. 25.

The club will receive a plaque and a \$250 cash award for the most effective proposition among cities of its right.

promotion among cities of its size of the National Assn. of Insurance Agents

"Safety Is Good Business" program.
The awards will be presented by John C. Stott of Norwich, immediate past president of N.A.I.A., and Roy A. Duffus of Rochester, president of the

#### **Local Board Advertises**

Jamestown (N.Y.) Fire & Casualty Underwriters Assn. employed an institutional "ad" in the local paper to acquaint residents with its purpose and functions. The "ad" listed all association members

#### N. Y. Regional at Potsdam

About 40 agents from St. Lawrence and Jefferson counties attended a regional meeting of New York State Assn. of Insurance Agents at Potsdam. Roy Duffus, state association president, and Jay W. Rose, secretary, spoke. Robert B. Douglass, chairman of the local group, presided.

#### Buyers Hear About Pa. Rates

Insurance Managers Assn. of Phila-delphia, the buyers group there, at its October meeting heard a discussion of the new Pennsylvania fire rates by Robert F. Goodhue, chief engineer, and Louis C. Beufler, research engineer of the Middle Department Assn. of Fire Underwriters. Carlyle H. Hill, executive manager of the rating organization, was unable to appear.

THE musical notes of a bell which had once hung in an old French church summoned the slaves at Belle Meade to their daily tasks. By some strange chance this bell had found its way across the sea

to a Mississippi steamboat where its mellow tones so captivated Belle Meade's owner

that he bought it for his estate.

Located about six miles from Nashville, Belle Meade is reached through a long avenue lined with vine-covered cedars. The house was built in 1853, the year The Home was founded. It replaced an earlier dwelling which had been destroyed by fire. The six square columns on the portico were made from stone quarried on the estate. John Harding, the first owner, cleared and fenced the property when he came to Tennessee in 1805. While a home was being built, he lived in a log cabin where his son William Giles Harding was born.

Brigadier general in the militia and prominent agriculturist, William G. Harding made Belle Meade one of the most pros-





# BELLE MEADE

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A gardener was brought from Switzerland to care for the flowers and shrubs

perous farms in Tennessee. Within its 5,000 broad acres was a park planted with blue grass where as many as 250 deer roamed unmolested. At one time elk, buffaloes and cashmere goats were also given sanctuary.

But Belle Meade's principal attraction was its magnificent thoroughbred horses, many of which, including Bonnie Scotland, Iroquois and Luke Blackburn, won lasting fame in the annals of the turf. As probably America's oldest farm for breeding thoroughbreds and one of the finest of its day the estate was internationally renowned. The sale of yearling colts which was an eagerly awaited annual event brought thousands of visitors from this country and abroad. Representatives of the French government who came

> to inspect American thoroughbreds in 1881 reported that Belle Meade had the finest in the country. Though his horses were entered in all the leading races and won many trophies, General Harding was interested in racing solely as a gentleman's sport and refused to take part in betting.

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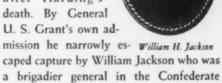
many prominent persons were visitors at Belle Meade, including Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, Benjamin Harrison and Grover Cleveland. As evidence of the hospitality for which the plantation was noted, the dining table was kept extended to its full length with places always set for unexpected guests.

Like most of the southern plantations of that time Belle Meade had its complement of slaves. They were. however, treated with unusual consideration and concern for their comfort and welfare. Charles Sumner, noted abolitionist, declared

that if conditions at Belle Meade were typical of the South, "I must retract much that I have written against slavery."

Two of General Harding's daughters married brothers, William H. and Howell E. Jackson, who continued to operate Belle Meade after Harding's death. By General U. S. Grant's own ad-

cavalry.



Though the property passed into other hands after the death of General Jackson's son and has been reduced in size throughout the years, Belle Meade, still privately owned, has been maintained as one of the South's most beautiful plantations.

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